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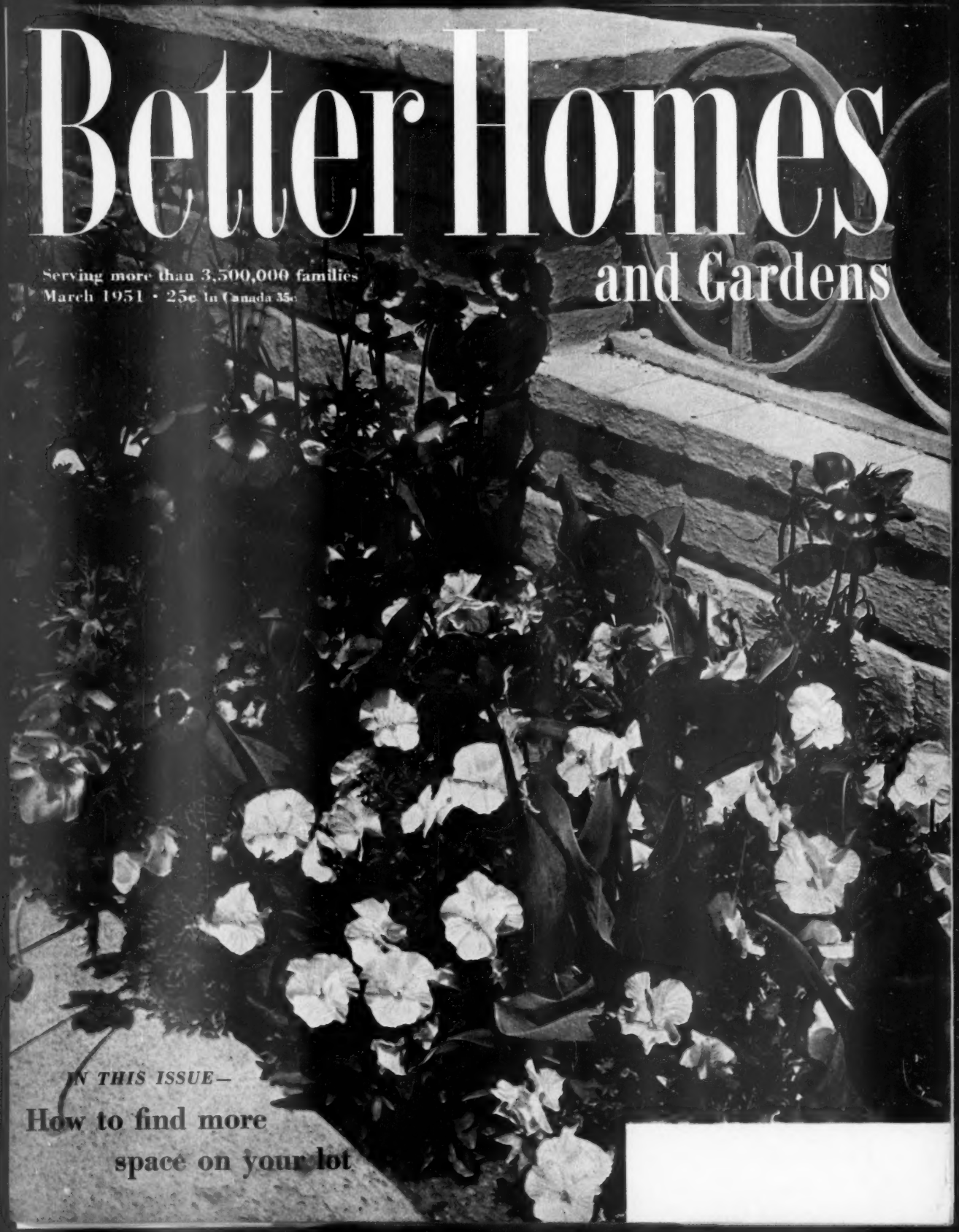

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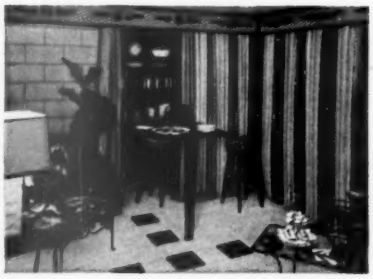

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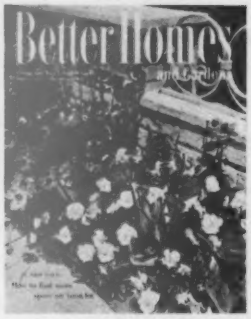

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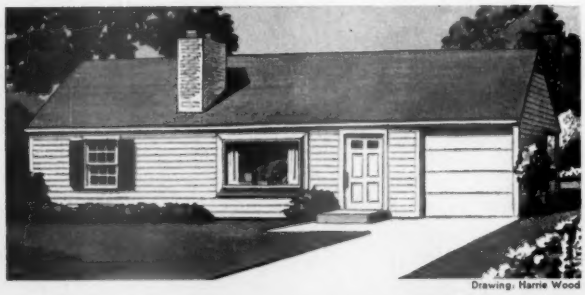

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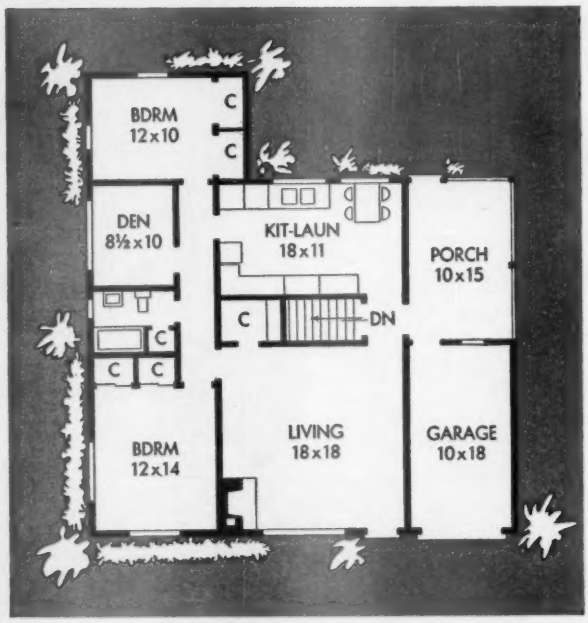

By Ian Porter

Planning a house looks fairly simple, doesn't it? If you have enough money to pay for amateur planning mistakes, that is.

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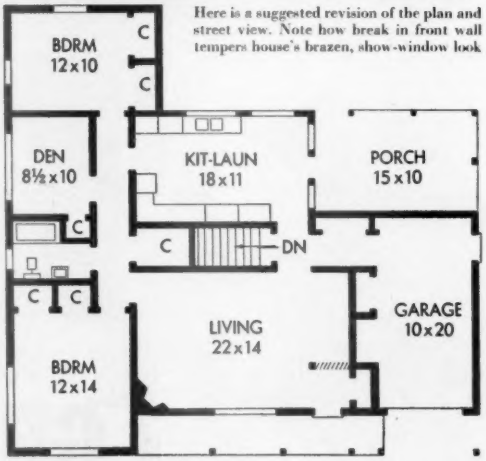

Here is a suggested revision of the plan and street view. Note how break in front wall tempers house's brazen, show-window look

Here are the mistakes in the house on page 6

1. A living room containing 324 square feet is spacious, but when that room is square, it is poorly planned. Proportions should be closer to 14x21—a ratio of 1 to 1½ instead of 1 to 1.

2. Entrance hall is far too large. You didn't see an entrance hall? Neither did the owner, but that's exactly what his living room turned out to be.

3. Den has no closet. A den doesn't need a closet when used as a den, but without a closet you can't convert that room to a guest room or third bedroom. That's what the owner discovered a year later when a second child was born.

4. Because of its depth, living room will be dark in spite of the big picture window on the street. *Better Homes & Gardens* doesn't always approve picture windows on the street side, so if you marked that down as an additional error, you have our blessing.

5. Big closet off living room is badly placed. If it is an all-purpose closet for card tables and the like, it should open off the bedroom hall. To use it for guests' coats, rubbers, and galoshes means carrying them all the way across the room. The owner would have been wise to widen his garage two feet, put a coat closet near the front door, and use the rest of the extra space for storage in the garage for bikes and garden tools.

6. Fireplace should be either moved at least four feet away from the front wall so you can group furniture around it, or else it should be built into the front corner facing the center of the room.

7. Garage is too short. Most low-priced cars will fit, but they'll fit with so little room at front [*Turn to page 286*

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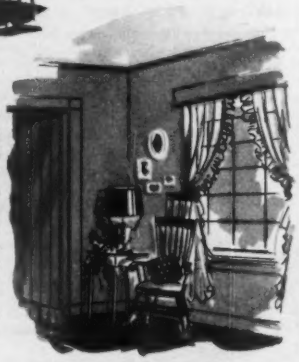

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INCOME TAX

By Henry Felsen

Looking for a "legal loophole" to hold your income tax down as low as possible?

By all odds, your best bet is to make sure you're not one of the 15 million Americans who will pay Uncle Sam more then he has coming.

About 50 percent of them make mistakes in reporting income, 20 percent get fouled up on deductions, 15 percent are wrong about exemptions and dependents, and 5 percent—almost a million taxpayers—apparently can't add. And mistakes are costly in *two* ways. If you fail to pay *enough*, there is a 6-percent interest charge on the delinquent amount. If you fail to claim legal deductions and exemptions, your overpayment may never be discovered, and you're out of luck.

You don't have to be an expert to prepare a return that takes advantage of every legal benefit. Just follow these 10 steps that private and government experts follow in making out a return. You'll get the same results.

1. Study previous tax returns

Certain items, such as depreciation schedules, ordinarily *must remain constant*. If you trust to memory and change the rate, you may pay extra for the error. Checking previous returns will remind you of deductions and exemptions that you might be overlooking now. Also, there may be deductions you wish to claim that you didn't claim before. If you do make new or different claims, the government will want to know why. You must be able to prove such changes legitimate, and more than an attempt to evade taxes. Checking previous returns is a good refresher and makes it easier to start on your current return.

2. Report income correctly

You can lose money in *two* ways by not reporting your gross income correctly. If you fail to include taxable income, you lay yourself open to the 6-percent interest charge on the delinquent amount owed, a 5-percent negligence penalty, and *perhaps* a 50-percent fraud penalty. On the other hand, if you include and pay taxes on income that's *exempt*, you're giving money away.

For tax purposes, income is defined as gain derived from capital, from labor, or both, or gains resulting from the sale or other disposition of property. That seems to cover everything, but there are over 300 kinds of income that you do *not* have to report or pay taxes on. Some examples are *municipal bond interest, gifts, life insurance proceeds paid by reason of death, certain payments to veterans, health and accident benefits*, and so on.

15 million Americans will pay Uncle Sam more than he has coming. Here are 10 tips, straight from the men who wield the fine-tooth comb, to save you money

It's important, then, to take a good look at all your income, to see if any of it can be omitted from your *reportable* income. For instance, a friend of mine cashed in $6,000 worth of savings bonds, and paid a tax on the total interest earned. He didn't know that the interest on his bonds up to $5,000 bought before March 1, 1941 was tax exempt. He paid an extra tax of over $100.

But not reporting income under the impression that it is exempt is a tricky business, and you'd be smart to check all doubtful items with the tax office.

Fred V....., for example, was called in by his boss and told that the firm was so pleased with his work they were giving him a gift of a hundred dollars. Since the boss said "gift" and not "bonus," Fred didn't report the hundred as income. Two years later the government asked for taxes on the hundred, plus interest.

The government held that, no matter what the boss said, the money was paid for services rendered, that it had been earned, and was a taxable bonus, not a tax-free gift. Last year, on the other hand, Fred was married, and when the office force took up a collection for a wedding present, the firm chipped in. This was a gift, and the money did not have to be reported.

There's really a thin line between taxable and nontaxable income. Two women, a Mrs. Craft and a Mrs. Dugan, shared an apartment. Mrs. Craft, a retired teacher, lived on a pension she received from the Carnegie Institute for the Advancement of Teaching. Mrs. Dugan, whose husband had been a city fireman, lived on his pension. Having no other income, neither woman filed a return. The government demanded that Mrs. Dugan pay income tax.

The ruling is that a city fireman receives his pension as part payment in recognition of services rendered, again as the result of labor, and it is taxable. The teacher on the other hand, had never performed any services for the Carnegie Institute, and the money was considered a charitable contribution in the interest of teaching.

If you receive a gift, you do not have to include the value of it in your return, but any income earned by the gift is taxable. A father gave his son a small apartment house worth $30,000. The 30 thousand was not taxable income for the son, but the rents he received for the apartments were taxable.

But as mentioned before, there is an important line that divides a gift from an earned bonus. A recent popular motion picture showed the troubles of a man who won a jack pot and had a wild time trying to raise the money to pay taxes on his winnings. Although he won his rewards on a "giveaway" program, he had to answer a certain question correctly to win, and no matter how slight his effort, the government [*Turn to page 13*

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WRONG NUMBER (9:30 A.M.) "Give me the sheet department, I want to order Cannon... What? Isn't this the Local Store?"

BAD-NEWS GIRL (10:00 A.M.) "Uh-huh, Ann's beau jilted her—and her with a hope chest full of Cannon Combspun Percales."

SO-I-SAID QUEEN (10:25 A.M.) "So I said, 'Silly, Combspun means the cotton is combed till it's smoother and softer.'"

BARGAIN-SHOUTER (11:00 A.M.) "Darling! Got the best sheet-buy! Heavenly! Yes, Cannon Percale ... How'd you know?"

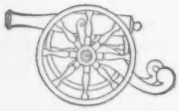
GUSHER (1:00 P.M.) "Divine week end, dear—never slept more divinely than on your divine Cannon Percales..."

MY-DAY RECITER (2:00 P.M.) "Then I made the beds... bless Cannon Combspun Percales for being so light..."

GOSSIP (3:30 P.M.) "I heard her tell Emma she likes washing her Cannon Percales... says they're so lightweight it's a cinch!"

BRAGGY MAMA (3:45 P.M.) "Good thing Cannon Combspun Percales are so strong—darling Ronald spent all morning tying them in knots!"

SHOPPING HOUND (4:30 P.M.) "Let supper wait—come while I spend some smart money on Cannon Combspun Percale Sheets!"



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INCOME TAX

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considered it labor for gain, and the income was earned, and not a gift. Hence the tax.

Another frequent error is that made by Orville B..... He bought some stock in March at a cost of $500. In December it was worth $750, and Orville paid taxes on his $250 profit, although he kept the stock in his possession. Orville didn't understand that the mere increase of value—increment—is not taxable *until it is converted into gain by sale*. And, had he sold the stock, he would only have had to pay on a profit of $125, since he held the stock over six months and it was a long-term capital gain.

Some income, such as life insurance proceeds paid by reason of death, is totally exempt. Other income, as from an annuity, is partially exempt until the cost of the annuity has been recovered, and then it must be reported in full. And other, such as alimony, may be exempt or taxable, according to the divorce settlement. A bad guess on any of these is costly.

The safest rule is to examine every dollar received from sources other than those included in the definition of income. You may be getting some that is wholly or partially exempt.

3. Avoid nonallowable deductions

Sometimes the difference between a nonallowable and an allowable deduction is determined by a word or two.

A young doctor went to work for another physician at a starting salary of $125 a week. At the end of the year, the young doctor deducted all his professional expenses from his gross income. The deductions were not allowed.

According to the doctor's contract, he was getting the $125 a week as *salary*, and that was his full compensation. That made him an employee, and the law holds that an employee cannot deduct business expenses *unless* he is out of town overnight for business reasons, or reimbursed for in-town expenses.

The two doctors tore up their old contract and wrote another, under which the young doctor received a salary of $100 a week and was reimbursed for expenses. This brought his average weekly check back to $125, but he could now deduct those actual, reimbursed expenses from his gross income.

When the government allows you to deduct ordinary and necessary business expenses, it means those expenses which are ordinary and necessary to the *business*, not to the taxpayer. If the people in your business hold a convention every year, you may deduct essential expenses for attending. But if you have to hire a maid so you can go to work or run a business, you *cannot* deduct the cost of the maid's wages. That is a personal expense.

About the best place to look for a tax savings is in connection with expenses incurred in the production of income from sources other than your job or profession. This includes part-time jobs, money made from hobbies, incidental renting, and so on. At the same time, it is an easy place to make a claim that will be disallowed. Generally, the government will allow you to deduct expenses from this extra income if you can prove that the activity was *primarily* for the purpose of producing income.

Tom F..... fixed up a workshop in his basement where he could do woodworking as a hobby. People liked what he made, and before long he was selling everything he produced. Tom liked the work, looked on it as a hobby, and in the course of a year he earned $500, about a sixth of his regular income. Tom deducted as a business expense the depreciation on his machinery, cost of materials, and prorated the cost of maintaining his home. His deductions were allowed.

Allen P..... also liked to do woodworking in his spare time. And, like Tom, he bought some expensive equipment. Allen worked when the mood was on him, and offered his products for sale. In a year's time, he sold $50 worth of

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We are proud that our contest is responsible for so many civic improvements. Each of the many entries judged told a different story, but were the same in one respect. "We want to make our community a better place in which to live and rear our children," was repeated over and over.

But, perhaps even more important, is the determination of the organizations sponsoring entries not to rest on their accomplishments. More improvements are planned. The work for the contest helped point up many other things needing improvement.

In many cases, the More Beautiful America Competition has been directly responsible for a first spark of community pride. That spark has caught on, ignited, and now working together is the rule rather than the exception.

Corpus Christi, Texas, tops in the over 100,000 population class, wins the Grand Sweepstakes. The story of how

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City Beautification Association, Corpus Christi, Texas . . . $1,000

1st place, cities over 100,000 population

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1st place, cities of 10,000 to 100,000

Junior Garden Clubs, North Little Rock, Arkansas $1,000

1st place, cities under 10,000

Missionary Society, Saratoga Christian Church, Saratoga, North Carolina $1,000

Other winners:

Cities over 100,000 population

2nd place, Four Square Boys Club, St. Petersburg, Florida $500

3rd place, San Antonio Garden Center, San Antonio, Texas $200

4th place, North Baltimore Kiwanis Club, North Baltimore, Maryland

5th place, Lake Merritt Breakfast Club, Oakland, California

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More Beautiful America Competition

an idea started with a small group and spread to a city-wide beautification project will be told in a future issue.

A group of youngsters in North Little Rock, Arkansas, proved that determination is more important than age in making a more beautiful community. The Junior Garden Clubs of that city wins first prize in the 10,000 to 100,000 population class.

Saratoga, North Carolina, is a town of less than 500 population. It is located just a few miles from Macclesfield, North Carolina, winner of the Grand Sweepstakes in the fourth competition. The Saratoga Christian Church Missionary Society, off to a slow start, finally succeeded in interesting the entire community in a beautification project. The result—first place in the under 10,000 population class, national recognition, and pride of accomplishment.

All entries could not win a prize, but all were winners in their own right. We hope the cities represented, large and small, will continue to make this a More Beautiful America. We are happy to announce the following prizes:*

Cities of 10,000 to 100,000

2nd place,	Iowa City Woman's Club, Iowa City, Iowa	$500
3rd place,	Fairlawn Memorial Park Civic Association, Fairlawn, New Jersey	$200
4th place,	Trout Brook Beautification Committee, West Hartford, Connecticut	*Better Homes & Gardens Achievement Plaque*
5th place,	Wakefield Garden Club, Wakefield, Massachusetts	

Communities under 10,000

2nd place,	Kirkwood (Tennessee) Community Club (Mail address: Guthrie, Kentucky, Route 1)	$500
3rd place,	Vienna Recreation Association, Vienna, Virginia	$200
4th place,	Guymon Council of Garden Clubs, Guymon, Oklahoma	*Better Homes & Gardens Achievement Plaque*
5th place,	Tombstone Business and Professional Women's Club, Tombstone, Arizona	

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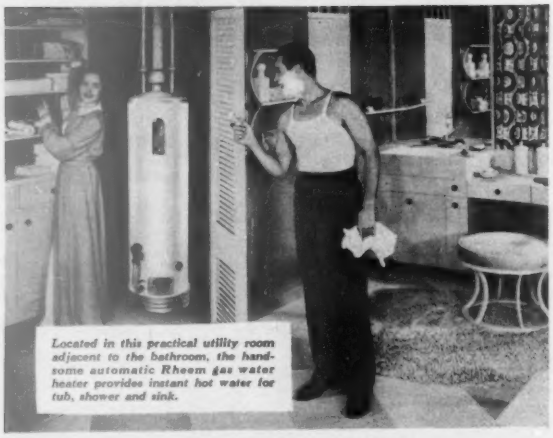

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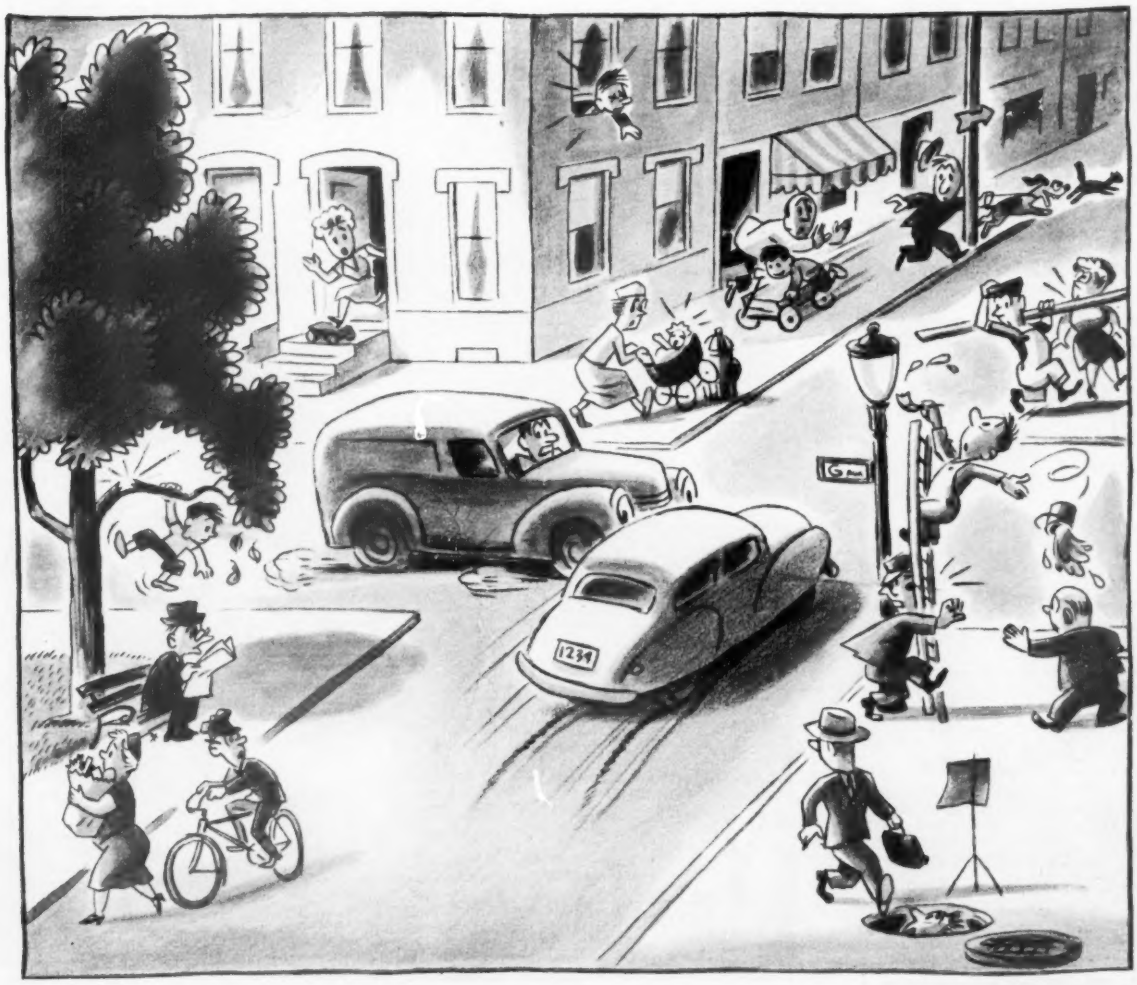

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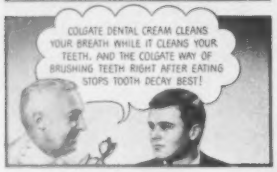

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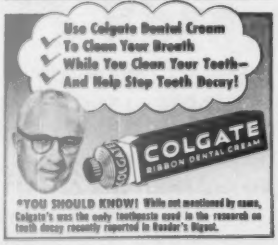

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By H. F. Darrell

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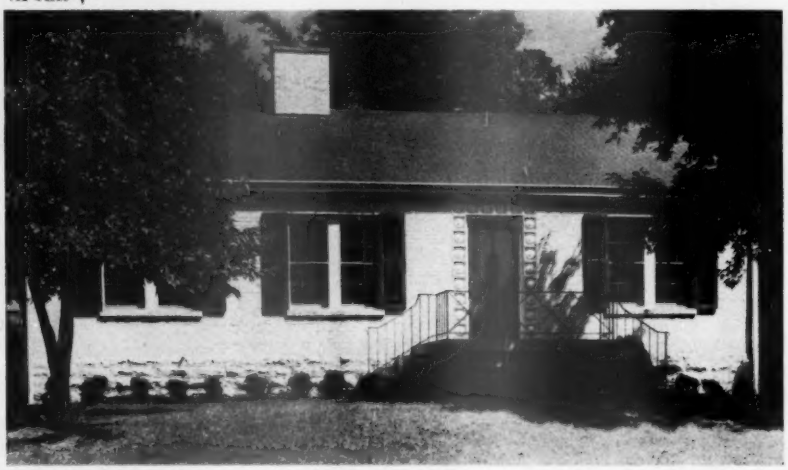
Don't let price tempt you into buying something structurally unsound and not basically what you want.

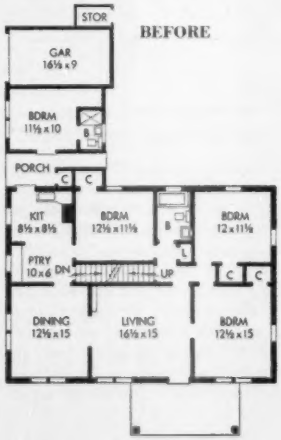
Avoid extensive revisions. Tearing out the old and building the new means you double your expense.

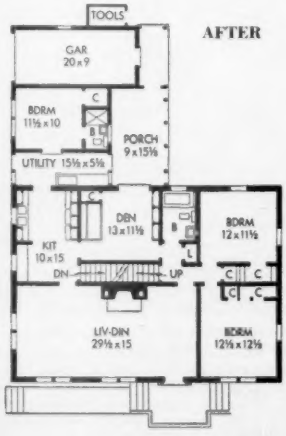
Plan to replace all worn mechanical equipment—plumbing, heating, and wiring. Otherwise you'll still have an old house no matter how sleek it looks.

Let the bulk of remodeling [*Turn to page 21*



Did the McBrydes make a lot of changes? Absolutely not. They simplified the roof by taking off dormer and porch, used decorative stone insets (at 50 cents apiece) around a new shuttered front door, and built new entrance steps. Exterior walls, window and door openings went untouched, except for new sash and a front door





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All Measurements Level

2 cups mashed potatoes*	1 tbsp. grated onion
1 tbsp. butter	½ cup fine bread crumbs
½ tsp. salt	1 egg + 2 tbsps. water
⅛ tsp. pepper	4 veal chops
1 egg yolk	Crisco for frying

Mix cooled potatoes with 1 egg yolk and grated onion. Shape into rolls about 2½" long and thick as a finger. Coat with flour, then roll in diluted egg and then in fine bread crumbs. Melt 4 to 5 tablespoons of Crisco in a heavy 8" or 9" frying pan. Slowly fry potato logs turning to brown all over. Serve piping hot with pan-fried veal chops: quickly brown veal chops in a little hot Crisco. Cover and cook until tender.

**Leftover mashed potatoes may be used.*

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A "new" house for $3,800

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money go into adding the new living space you need.

By hewing closely to these rules, Architect Bolton McBryde converted a bargain wreck into a bargain at any price, and his family now lives in a bigger house in Nashville, Tennessee, than they could have bought new. Knocking out three partitions constituted all interior planning changes. They spent most of their money on a screened porch (the only addition), a new furnace and duct system, a deeper basement and new basement floor, new sink and kitchen cabinets, new lavatory and shower, new wiring, new linoleum in bathroom, kitchen, and hall.

The whole job was done on a cost-plus-contractor's-fee basis for $3,800. Improvement to the outside of the house is worth that much alone in looks.

BEFORE—Except for loose windows and an overflowing shingle roof, the house was in good shape, but its wings needed tying together

AFTER—Cutback gable overhangs, clapboards over hexagonal shingles in gables, a simple wood cornice with molded gutter at eaves gave the house just the crispness it needed. Screened-porch addition opens off study and a bedroom. Terrace is made of tile set in sand

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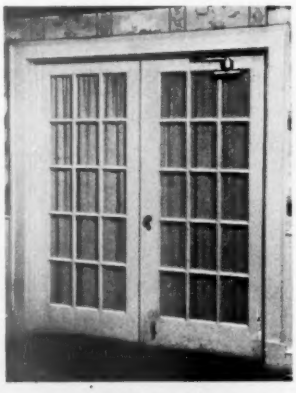
You can modernize French doors

Here's how the W. C. Hedricks of Houston, Texas, changed theirs. Anyone handy with tools will find this method inexpensive

By Frances Taylor



BEFORE: These ordinary-looking French doors, backed with monk's cloth for privacy, dated a room that was being modernized. Since privacy, not light, was needed, the Hedricks decided to cover the door panes with wood panels

AFTER

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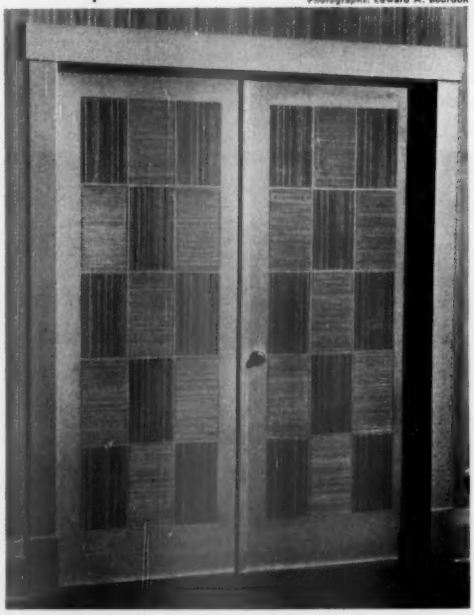

Combed-plywood blocks were fitted into panels to cover panes of glass. Brads were countersunk into stiles; holes were filled in with wood plastic; center strip and doorframe simplified. You can get this interesting block pattern by alternating the grain of the panels

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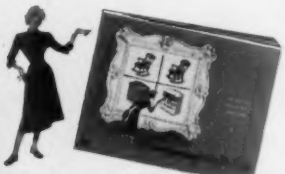

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How to get two beds in half the space

By Patricia Larkin

It's as old as Shakespeare, but the trundle bed is still tops for getting the most sleeping space from even the smallest room. A trundle bed lets you squeeze two beds into the space of one. What modern design could do more?

In both boys' rooms shown here, the trundle bed takes as little space as possible from the play area, and provides a place for overnight guests. The trundle-bed idea is also a practical solution for a guest-room study.

Photograph: Nowell Ward

Lower bed is mounted on casters, pulls out like a drawer. Box springs and innerspring mattresses give top sleeping comfort to both beds. Note shelves for storing books within reach. Decorator, Ben Davidson

Hubbard

Metal frames of these beds are simple but sturdy. During the day, lower bed is pushed under upper, and bedspread hides it. To provide storage space, Decorators Evan and Platt added a built-in headboard and a footboard, with cabinet space and shelves for books and toys

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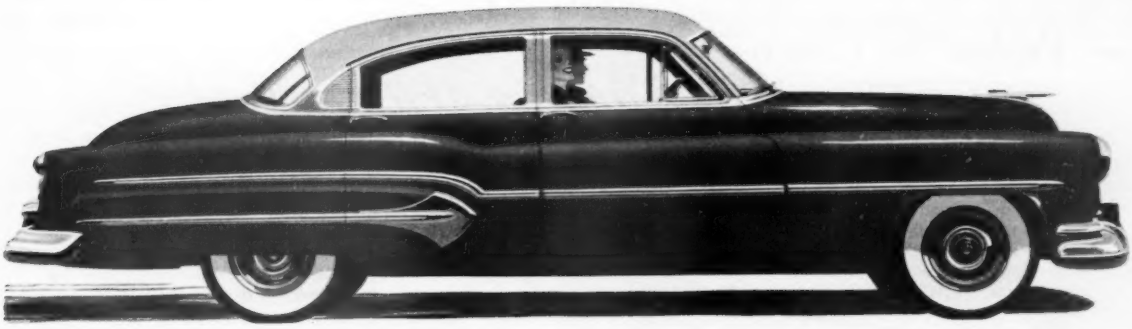

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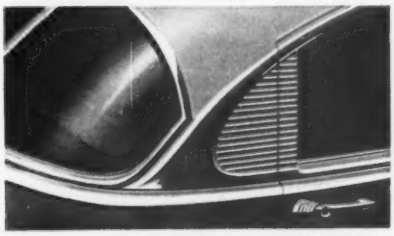

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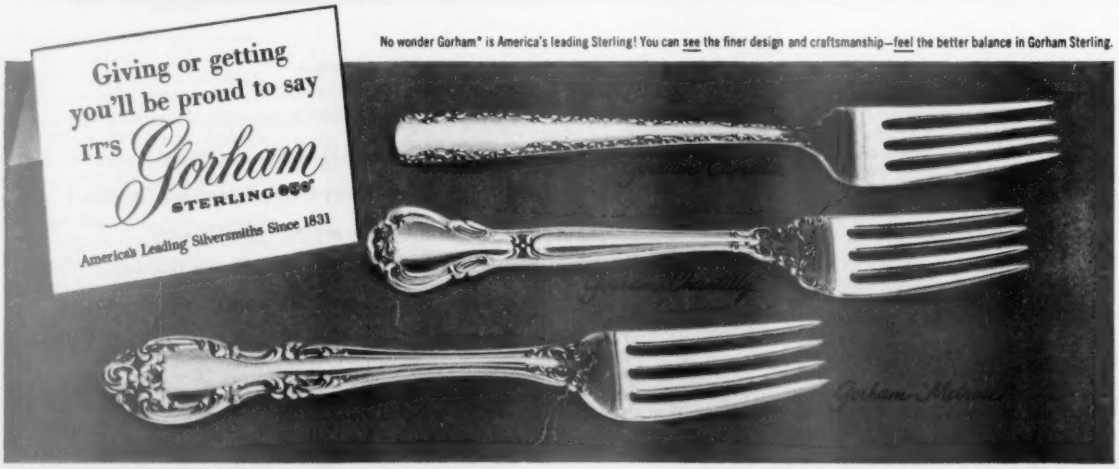

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Latest Garden News?

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Radio waves step up germination

Carrot- and tomato-seed germination has been increased as much as 40 percent by treatment with high-frequency radio waves, according to Dr. Herbert Jones of the University of California.

Similar results were reported in Russia many years ago, and Dr. Vernon T. Stoutemyer, then with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, insisted that someone in America should repeat these experiments.

The Russian experiments were designed to speed up seed germination during chilly spring weather, to see if the growing of certain crops could be pushed farther north.

Male superiority

Tests in Holland show that male asparagus plants will outyield female plants 25 to 35 percent.

Since 1-year-old plants which have not flowered are usually set out, it is impossible to sort them by sex. In the home garden, however, if extra plants are set in a section other than the regular bed, female plants can be dug from the latter and discarded as soon as they can be identified by the berries they produce. Male plants bear no berries.

Low-down on "giant" beans

Reports of "giant African beans" keep cropping up in the public press, always mentioned as new and mysterious. Sometimes they are referred to as of Aztec origin.

Actually, these beans are fruits of a gourd, a member of the genus Lagenaria, neither mysterious nor new. Under the name Zucca de Pergola, this "squash" has been in commerce for years. I have grown it as long as 4 feet, but quality is better if picked when 2 feet in length. It is much inferior to Caserta, Zucchini, or other summer squashes, which it resembles in flavor. Unless grown on a pergola, so fruits can hang down, it grows in a semicircle.

More horticultural deception

Speaking of Zucca de Pergola reminds me of its near-relative, the Giant Zucca melon. This grows to a weight of 100 pounds or more, has a fairly solid, flavorless meat. The meat is cubed, flavored with lemon, orange, pineapple, or mint, dyed a suitable color, and sold as mixed candied fruits. If you buy mixed candied fruits, chances are 10 to 1 you've eaten colored Zucca-melon pulp.

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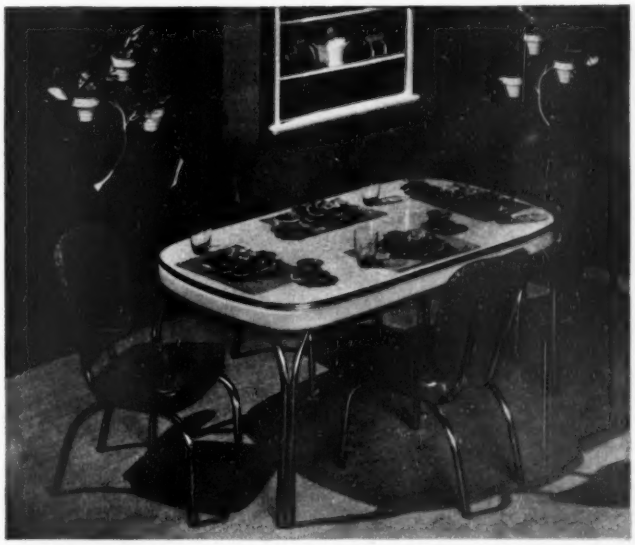
Arvin

Master-styled Dinettes



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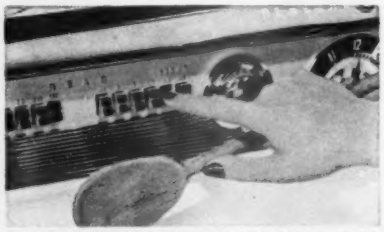

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GENERAL ELECTRIC

Have you heard? *Begins on page 27*

New insecticide with promise

A new insecticide, heptachlor, looks so promising that more than a million pounds of it will be made before it is announced to the public.

Heptachlor is short for 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8-heptachloro-3a, 4, 5, 7, 7a-tetrahydro-4, 7-methanoindene, which is considerable to be short about!

A close relative of chlordane, it has the advantage of being an effective insect killer outdoors, without remaining poisonous as long as chlordane. At a concentration of 1/10 pound of actual heptachlor per acre, grasshoppers were killed completely, while 4 ounces to the acre killed such tough pests as cotton boll weevil and thrips. Testing on the common garden pests has not yet been completed.

Indoors, it has proved a highly potent roach, fly, ant, and mosquito killer. One room sprayed with a 2 percent emulsion of heptachlor remained free of all insects for nearly two years.

The new insecticide has not yet been authorized for use on food crops, but this would be its big use if federal approval were granted.

Gladiolus pest control

A new control for seed-corn maggot, which causes extensive injury to the gladiolus on the west coast and in other sections, has been announced by entomologists at the University of California.

Excellent results can be obtained with ⅛ ounce of 40 percent wettable chlordane in 1 quart of water or 1/16 ounce of 25 percent lindane in 3 pints of water per 25 square feet, sprayed over the corms before covering them when planting.

Thriving trade

Enterprising youngsters in Michigan have worked up a lucrative business in, of all things, corn-borer larvae. They dig the white larvae out of corn stubble and sell them as bait for fishing through the ice. Going price is 15 cents a borer!

Heat no substitute for light

Inexperienced home-greenhouse operators often try to make up for the lack of sunshine in cold weather by turning up the heat. This is exactly opposite from what they should do: Heat does not substitute for light, but merely makes lack of it all the more serious. Heat should be lowered on dark days.

House-plant growers will find oftentimes that plants which love sunshine in summer can be grown if kept quite cool in winter when sunshine intensities are low. Thus the garden marigold, a semitropical plant, does well in a south window if air temperatures do not go much above 55 in the room.

Dollar return from vegetables

My analysis of returns from my own vegetable garden shows that year after year, snap beans give the greatest dollar return. Tomatoes are next, lettuce, third, and Zucchini squash, fourth.

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By Jean Martin

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Here you see through doors into the kitchen where Mrs. Hayes prepares lunch. When ready, she pushes the sliding table into the dining area

One table does the job of two, and also offers counter space in the Frank E. Hayes home in Windsor Hills, California.

Designed by J. Merrill Grey, the birch table slides through a storage partition. When pushed full length into the kitchen or living room, the table will seat eight.

The Hayeses leave the table half in the dining area and half in the kitchen during the day for counter space. At dinnertime, they pull the table into the kitchen, set it, then push it back into the dining area. Pictures and diagram show how sliding table works.

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Pulled part way into the kitchen, the plastic-topped table is a good work counter. This built-in also offers valuable kitchen storage space

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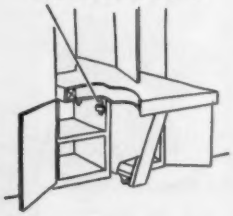

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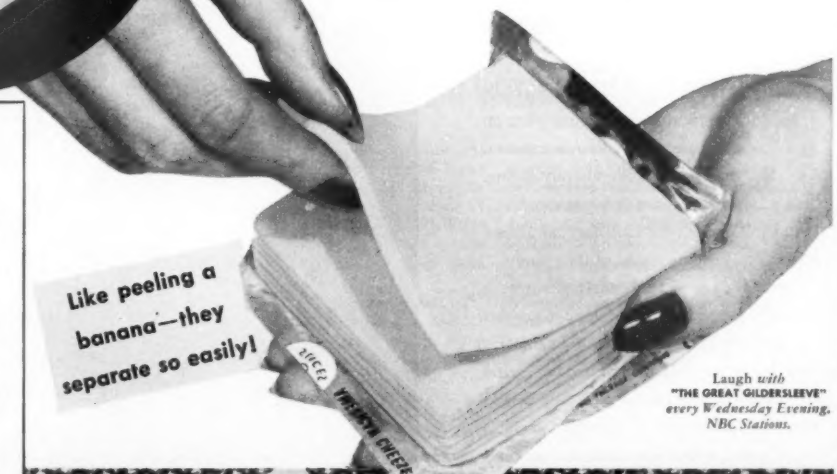

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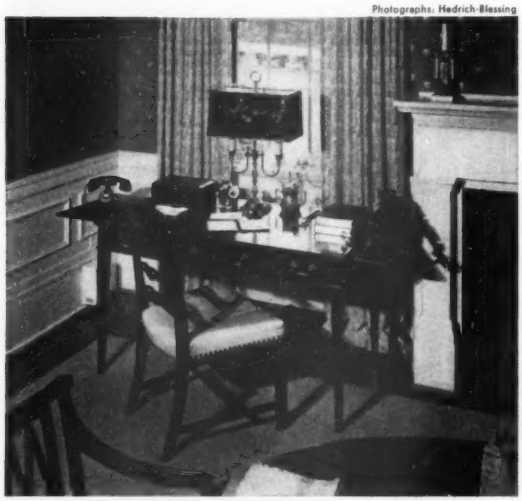

Put your desk in the dining room if there's no room in the living room or study, and you'll get more than occasional use from the room. You'll probably find yourself spending many pleasant afternoons in your seldom-used dining room if you place your desk near a sunny window, as the Jack Downings did in their Cincinnati, Ohio, home

Use the wall space by your stairway—it can be the background for a conversational grouping. The Sidney J. Natkins, Glencoe, Illinois, placed a pair of comfortable lounge chairs against the stairway with a tole tray table serving the chairs. The pine lamp blends with the pine dado and stairway. Decorators: Lubliner and Himmel

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To celebrate, Peg and I were going out to the movies. While she went upstairs to dress, I picked up a magazine and leafed through it idly. Then somehow my eyes rested on an ad. It said, "You don't have to be rich to retire." Probably the reason I read it through was that just that evening Peg and I had been saying how hard it was for us to put anything aside for our future.

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The ad offered more information. *No harm in looking into it,* I said. When Peg came down, I was tearing a corner off the page. First coupon in my life I ever clipped. I mailed it on our way to the movies.

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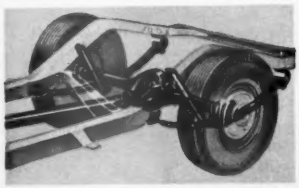

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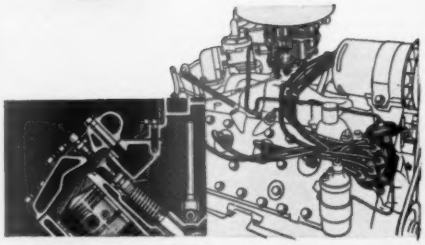

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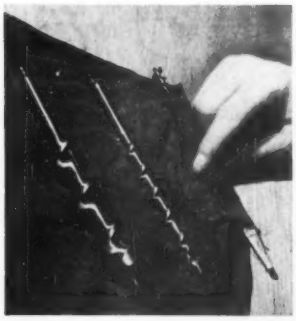
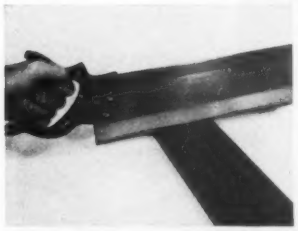


Well oiled. Keeping basement humidity under control can be difficult. But here is a simple way to keep dulling rust from forming on your bits, chisels, and similar tools. Keep an oil-soaked rag on hand and wrap such tools carefully with it before putting them away. The wrapping will also keep tools from being dulled by striking each other in a drawer.

John Webster
Des Moines, Iowa

Hitch on friction. Screw-held pulls on drawers and cupboard doors sometimes work loose. Before you tighten the screws, increase friction and holding power with a pair of sandpaper washers. Cut washers with a scissors. By using two of them, you can have rough sides facing both wood and screwhead.

Ruth Straughn
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Hair's how. The job of cutting accurate rabbet joints has left many a handyman tearing his hair. You can save a lot of hair by laying a strip of surgical or masking tape on your saw blade, to serve as a depth gauge. Be sure the tape is the same distance from the teeth at both ends.

Brock Yates
Lockport, New York

Hot stuff. Here's a way to get a quick blaze when you build a picnic fire. Soak an unglazed brick in kerosene for a day or two before you'll need it. The brick will burn for a long while, will ignite even damp logs without any kindling. *Mrs. Grant Hardy, Hinckley, Utah*

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Hits the spot. It isn't difficult to avoid spilling when you pour from one container into another. Use a funnel, of course, and keep the opening of the top container at the highest possible point to eliminate air gurgling. But before you start to pour, lift the bottom container as pictured and catch the funnel under the spout of the top can.
Harry J. Miller
Philadelphia

Headlock. When wood screws develop an annoying tendency to work loose, you can lock them securely in place. Turn the screw down tightly. Then nick the edge of the head on opposite sides with a center punch. These nicks lock the screw in place indefinitely.
Charles Arthur, Minneapolis

Smoke without fire. Smoking in a home workshop can be quite a fire hazard. To make a shop ash tray that won't disappear upstairs, use your pliers to bend the lip of a tin can inward. This trough holds a cigarette firmly, the ashes drop in the can, and a forgotten cigarette won't burn beyond the point where it overhangs inside of can.
J. C. Meredith
Wheeling, West Virginia

Care where paint ain't? If you are like most handymen, you have a great array of partly empty paint cans. Here's how to avoid opening each can to check the amount of paint left and its precise color. At the end of each paint job, paint a line on the outside of the can at the level of the leftover paint inside.
Rose Mayover, Philadelphia

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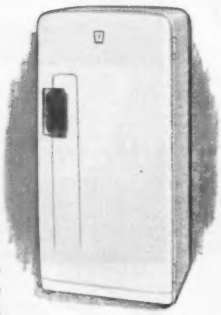

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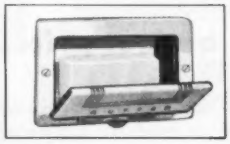

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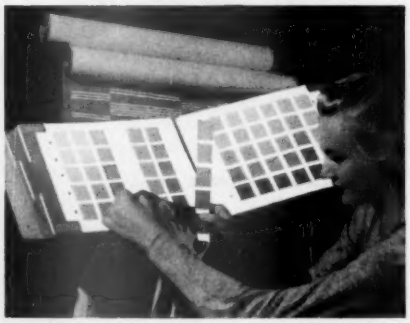

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Placid acid. Before you put away a roll of acid-core solder, pinch the cut ends closed with a pair of pliers. That prevents the corrosive flux from dripping out, keeps the solder in top condition for the next job.
Melva Hansen
Salt Lake City, Utah

Photographs: Stanley

Fair square. When you are measuring lumber for rough cutting, you can use a folding rule (but not a zigzag rule) as an emergency square. Just place the rule on the board as pictured, and mark for a reasonably square cut. You save the need and time of using another tool.
R. R. Manuel
Belleville, Ontario

Rubber bumper. A chair positioned so it bumps a wall soon leaves an ugly mar. One way out: Cushion the critical spot on the chair with a rubber-headed tack. The white type is best for avoiding marks on the wall.
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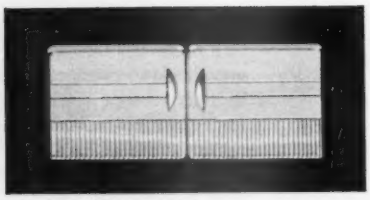

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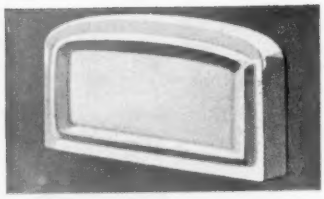

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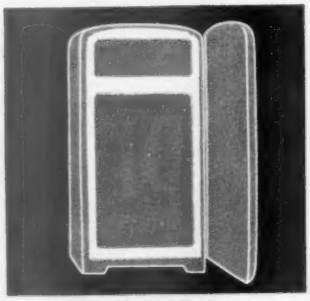

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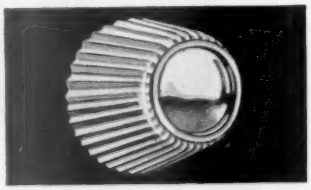

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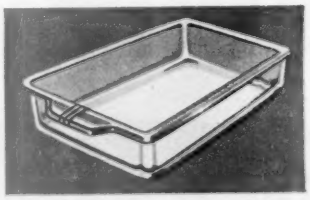

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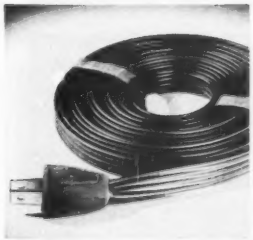
By Barbara Baird

Lounging pillow of foam rubber always stays fluffed up, yet is as soft as a pillow can be. Pillow is 6-inch-thick molded foam rubber, 18" square, and covered in decorator fabrics (selection of 70, from sailcloth to brocade, in a variety of colors and patterns). Cover has zipper opening, can easily be removed to clean or to switch covers. If pillow gets damp from use outdoors or in a boat, foam rubber quickly dries out with no mildew or musty odor. *Lazyback Pillow*, $10.95 to $15.95, depending on fabric. Rubber filler only, $8.95. Extra covers, $3 to $8, in stores. Nettle Creek Industries, Richmond, Ind.

Pliable minnow bucket collapses to fit in tackle box or pocket. Small air chamber keeps it floating by the boat. Transparent in water, stays cooler than metal, and makes no scraping noise to scare away fish. Minnows live longer; bucket's soft sides won't hurt them. Can be loaded with minnows and carried in the car without tipping. *Tuk-A-Buket*, $2.95, in stores. Waltco Products, 2300 West 49th St., Chicago 9, Ill.



Plastic wiring wraps around pipes to warm them and prevent freezing. Can be put on at the start of winter and plugged in when freeze threatens. Smooth and flexible casing wraps quickly and is clean to handle. Prevents freezing in gutters and downspouts, waterpipes, and for soil heating and hotbeds. *Thermotape* 10-foot length with plug, $3.45. Thermostat $4.65, in stores. Smith-Gates Corp., Plainville, Conn.

Trowel with new-type handle saves your hands from blisters. Design of handle gives you leverage in working hard earth, making the work easier and more effective. Single-unit blade and handle are cast aluminum with red- or blue-painted handle. *No-Blist'r Trowel*, $1.25, in stores, or plus 10c postage from manufacturer. Ray Sanders and Co., 220 Security Bldg., Pasadena 1, Calif.

Sculptures you make yourself can look professional if you know how to "do it with wires." The basis of figure, animal, and head sculptures is the wire armature that forms the "bones." Kit of materials and instructions shows you how to make figures this way. Includes two packages of Plasteline, four modeling tools, a sculptor's modeling wheel, and two wire armatures—one for modeling two-legged animals, one for making four-legged animals. *Sculpkit*, $3.95, in stores or ppd. from manufacturer. Sculpture House, 304 W. 42nd St., New York 18, N.Y.

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Actual color photograph: Ceiling, 12" x 12" Celotex Textured White Tile Board. Walls, random widths of Celotex Blue-Green Finish Plank with one wall papered and bordered with Celotex Blue-Green Tile Board.

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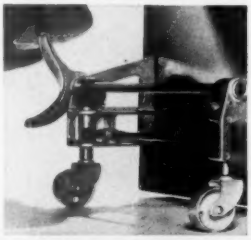
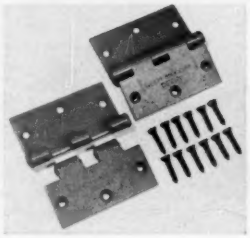
Bootees grow with baby's feet from size 0 through 1 and 2. Bootee can be easily and quickly enlarged from original size, but has no snaps, lacings, or seams to let out. Hand-sewn moccasin toe, double heel, heart-shaped tongue. Soft white glazed kid *Gro-Dels*, $2.49, ppd. Delsea Products Co., Dept. B, 129 Cedar Ave., Westville, N. J.



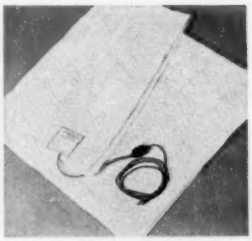
Retractable casters for home workbenches can be used in any of three positions: casters lowered, bench legs are raised ½" from floor; casters partially retracted, legs are ¼" from floor; casters fully retracted, legs are solidly on floor. Casters give workbench mobility; and when retracted, bench legs are as stable as without casters. Two casters are preassembled into one unit. Each unit is mounted out of the way inside bench legs and operated by star wheel lever on one side. *Retractable Casters*, $11.95 for complete set (4 casters), in stores only. Magna Engineering Corp., 417 Montgomery St., San Francisco 4, Calif.

Vacuum lid quickly seals glasses, jars, cans for storing food in refrigerator or home freezer. Each size lid will fit a range of sizes of containers. Wet edge of jar or can; press plastic membrane on with thumb. *Lids*, available in small size (4 for 49c), medium size (4 for 59c), package units (one cover each size, 29c), in stores. C & S Engineering Co., 560 Old La Honda Road, Woodside, Calif.

Weeder, originally designed for use in Cape Cod cranberry bogs, has proved to be a useful garden tool for cultivating, root cutting, weeding, indoor plant culture. Heavy steel blade bends at right angles, has sharp cutting edge on far side. *Cape Cod Weeder*, 87c, in stores. Tuck Mfg., Inc., 74 Ames St., Brockton, Mass.



Door hinges spring apart when you throw your weight on the door, making it but the work of a minute to open locked or jammed doors. If children lock themselves in bedroom or bathroom, it is easy to get the door open. Install the hinges on doors that frequently need to be removed for moving furniture. Can readily be put on new doors or substituted for conventional hinges. *Jet Safety Hinges*, $2.50, in stores. Safety Hinge Corp., P. O. Box 111, Cranford, N. J.



Sleeping pad can be controlled to heat just your feet, just your back, or the whole bed. Single switch has three adjustments that control the wiring stitched into the two sections of the pad. Electric pad goes on the bed under the sheet, padding protects wiring and makes comfortable sleeping surface. White muslin cover can be washed at home by hand. *Three-Way Electric Sleeping Pad*, $24.75, in stores. The Ettinger Mfg. Co., 1319 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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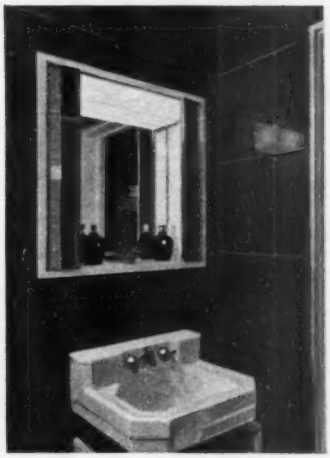

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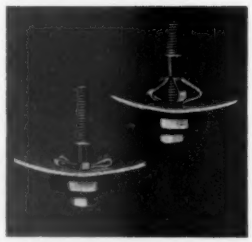
Marionette with moving mouth so natural it appears to be talking or singing has an extra string to control the jaw. Sturdy acetate plastic head, hands, and shoes will not chip or scuff. "Pat the Policeman," with red hair and mustache, wears a blue uniform with gold buttons. "*Talking*" *Marionette*, $8.98, in stores. Hazelle's Marionettes, 905 E. Tenth St., Kansas City 6, Mo.

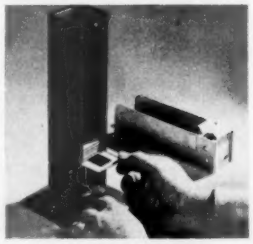


Metal plug seals up leaks permanently in steam boilers, water tanks, metal pipes from 1½" up, oil drums. Spider backing opens to 1⅛" area when installed, seals leaks up to ⅜" diameter and will not pull through weakened metal. Can also be used as a sheet-metal fastener when it is not possible to use a bolt and nut. Mounts small motors to benches, and accessories to automobile dashboards where gasket gives a shock-absorbing base. *Molly Utility Plug*, 35c in hardware and plumbing supply stores. Molly Corp., Reading, Pa.

Polishing block, shaped to fit the contours of forks, knives, and spoons, simplifies the problem of keeping silver gleaming. Grooves for fork tines make it easy to remove egg stains from tines and tarnish from crevices of ornate silver patterns. *Neoprene Polish-Ade*, $1, in stores. Seager & Seager, P. O. Box 150, Glendale 5, Calif.

Aluminum fencing requires no painting, will not rust, has a lasting, decorative, silverlike finish. Fences in playpens and yards; children can't climb it; pets can't break out. Available in heights from 3 to 12 feet from your local fence erector. Total erected cost of 42" *Aluminum Chain Link Fencing*, about 60c per foot. Nichols Wire & Aluminum Co., Davenport, Iowa.

Velvet pressing kit simplifies the job of revitalizing nap or pile on velvet, corduroy, or any fabric with a nap. Pressing pad goes under the garment and traps live steam from the iron, circulating it around the pile. Pad includes four layers: plush, felt, sheet of aluminum, cotton backing. Velvet press cloth for use on double-faced pile fabrics such as collars and cuffs, consists of two layers of linen and layer of plush. *Dritz Velvet Press Kit*, $1.98, in stores. John Dritz & Sons, 1115 Broadway, New York 10, N.Y.



Slide dispenser hands out 35mm. slides one at a time when you press the lever at the bottom of the stack. Makes it easy to pick up the next slide without fumbling in the dark. As you return them to box, slides are right side up and in order. Handles either cardboard or glass slides. Two metal file boxes with index tabs hold up to 150 slides each. *Kollock Ejecto*, $9.80, ppd. Additional file boxes, 40c each. Kollock Industries, 241 Nacoochee Drive, N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

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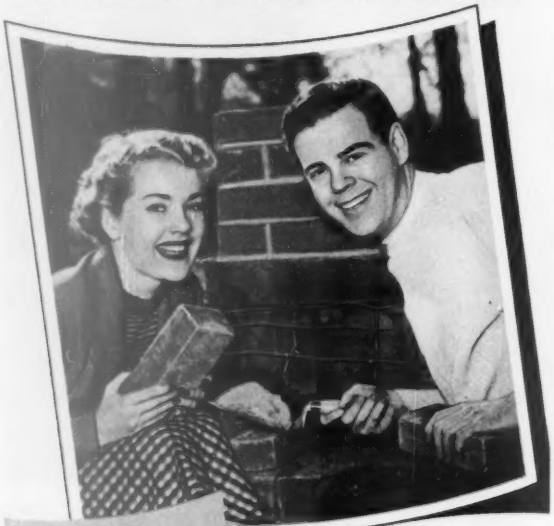

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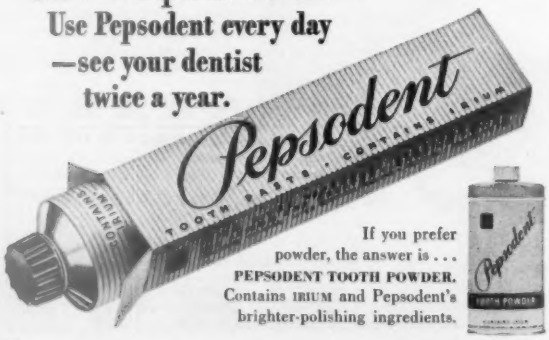

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Versatile screwdriver has four interchangeable bits that hold the screw magnetically. The bits are held in place in the collar by a permanent Alnico magnet built into shank of the driver. Bit is charged with "pull" by the magnet and in turn grips the screw. Spare bits are stored in the handle; includes large and small slotted bits, and two for No. 1 and No. 2 Phillips screws. *Magna-Tip Screwdriver*, $3.95, in stores or ppd. from manufacturer. Magna Tool Corporation, 779 Washington St., Buffalo 3, N.Y.

Griddle fits over units on gas, oil, or electric stove, makes it easy to grill all kinds of meats, bacon and eggs, hot cakes. Grease drains off into channel around the edge. Griddle can be turned over and used on either side: raised grill on one side, flat surface on the other. *Happy Day Griddle Grill*, $3.95, in stores. Wm B. Watkins Co., Evanston, Ill.

Midget mirror takes the place of your golf instructor, shows you just what you do wrong. Polished metal mirror with stand-up bracket on the back measures about 12"x 10⅜". It gives a full-figure view even when placed within but a few feet. *Master Eye Golf Mirror*, $7.50, in stores or ppd. from manufacturer. Roger H. David Co., Dept. 4, 522 Rossmor Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.

Small tool holder with a dozen self-adjusting slots securely grips small objects of almost any shape. Tools slip in and out of slots easily, are held by aluminum shoes backed by sponge-rubber cubes. *Graspall Tool Holder*, 11¼" long, $1.49, ppd. R. K. Products Co., Dept. B-1, 731 S. W. Front Ave., Portland 4, Oreg.

Sealer closes up partly used bottles of beverages for later use by reclamping original cap. "Head" of the sealer is used to open the bottle, pulling off the cap without misshaping it. Sealer applies spring pressure to tighten cap on the bottle. *Sealer-Opener*, 98c, plus 8c postage. Mayfair Hardware & Mfg. Co., 4748 N. Kenneth Ave., Elston and Lawrence, Chicago 30, Ill.

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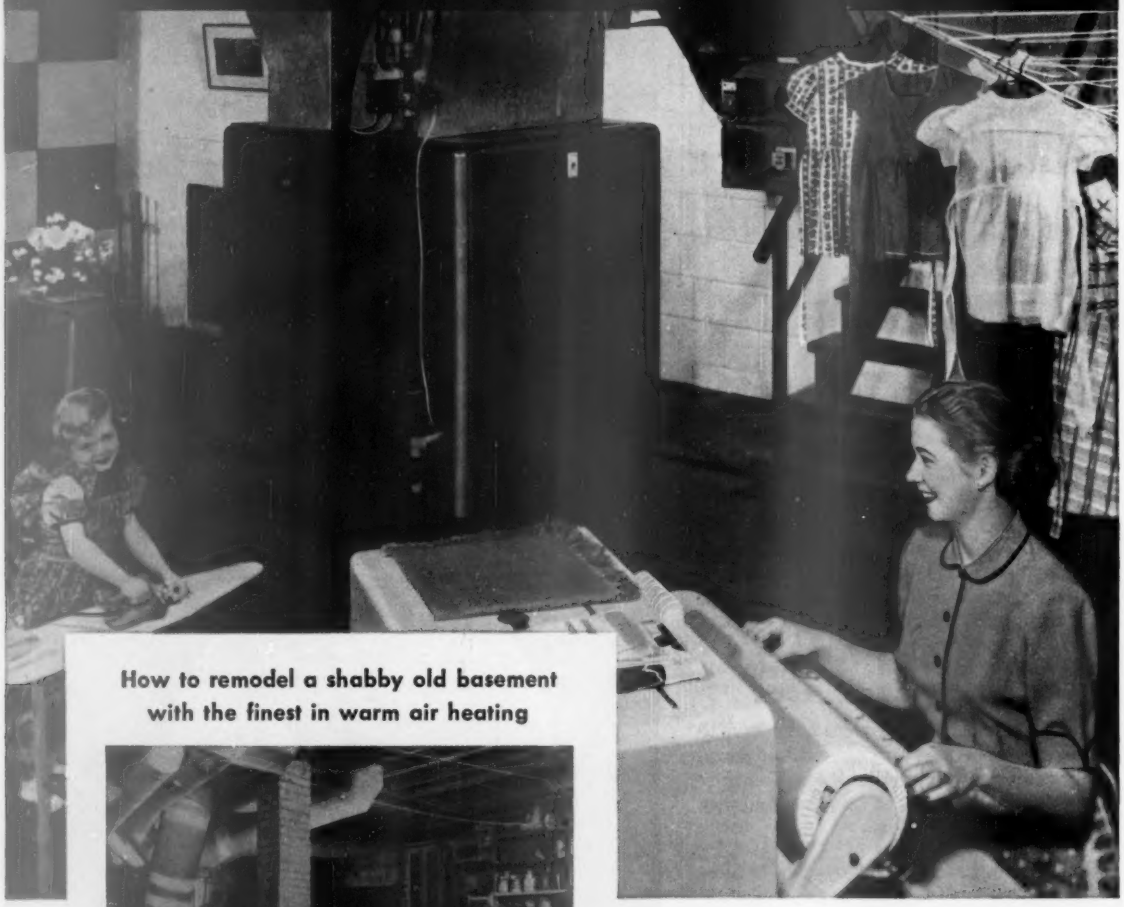

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Natural cedar siding makes a perfect background for the yellow of forsythia, while the tones of brick and trim merely hint at color

Home with a future

With rooms the size they wanted, the Friedmans' house is worth adding to

By Jessie Walker

You can't trade in a house every 2 or 3 or even 10 years, like a car. You get too attached to the house itself, to its site, to your neighbors. When you plan a house, you have to foresee the future and build toward it.

Maxine and Tom Friedman of Highland Park, Illinois, knew about how many square feet of house they could build with the money they had saved. But instead of building all the rooms they wanted smaller than they wanted them, they decided to build what rooms they could afford, and make them spacious.

Plans at the left show how Kenilworth Architect Morgan Yost satisfied the Friedmans' requests. Present rooms—living-dining room, kitchen-utility room, bedroom, and garage—are large enough so their home is worth adding to, and plans for a wing containing two more bedrooms and

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Home with a future *Continued*

Cypress storage partition forms entrance hall, has shelves on dining side for glass and copper, a drawer for silver, and enclosed shelves for linen

Dining area is the connecting link between living and service areas. On hall side, partition has coat rack and deep shelves for plants and books. Door at far right leads to stairs to bedroom and garage

Rich colors of cypress beams, cedar ceiling, and dark walls create a warm, cozy living room when draperies are pulled, make eyes travel automatically to beauty outdoors when glass is exposed

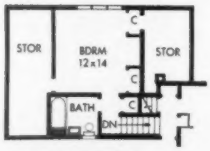
a playroom have already been drawn. Besides planning for the future, the Friedmans have taken care of the present very well. Brick and a cedar-shingle roof contrast perfectly with the smoothness of glass and easy-to-keep-up natural cedar siding. Interiors have a color scheme just as natural as the exterior, just as easy to maintain.

It isn't accidental that the lines of the house conform so well with the gentle slope of the land. The garage comes in at street level, but the bedroom under its gently sloping roof is only eight steps above lot level at the house, which is slightly above street level.

When the time comes that "future" bedrooms become reality, the new wing will protect the terrace from westerly breezes which sweep across the prairie, without interfering with the view from living-room windows on the north. The scenery will still be at its best, with the sun striking it rather than silhouetting it.

Only bedroom now is over garage, but because of the split-level plan, it seems close to the ground. Transom windows let in light when draperies are pulled, but overhang keeps out direct sunlight. Heat throughout is baseboard radiation

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing



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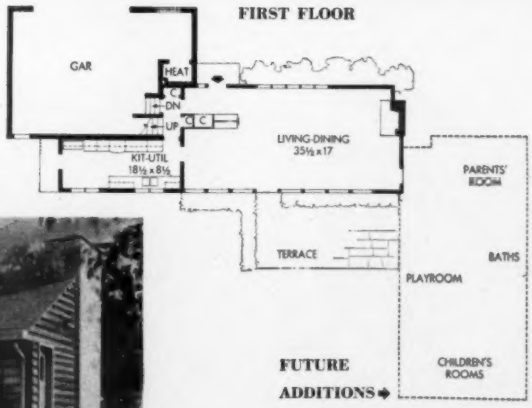


Large windows are on north because of view, and because Architect Yost thinks nature looks better on sunny side than silhouetted

Crowd your shade-loving flowers close under fruit trees for two crops of bloom. In early spring, an apricot tree is one enormous bouquet. Later, set tuberous begonias on bare soil next trunk, hang trailing types from branches

Photographs: Weyhouth, left; Graphic Photo, center, de Gennaro, opposite

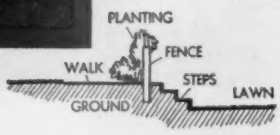
Set a comfortable and roomy bench against a wall in some unused spot, and you gain new outdoor living space immediately. Pictured is such a bench set near steps on the garden side of the home of Donald G. Graham in Seattle

How to find

More space on your lot

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

Plant right up to your lot line. The land is yours; use it. Sketch at right shows how this colorful planting along fence next to street walk helps give privacy to the sunken side lawn



Finding more room starts with looking over what you have with a stranger's eye. Try it for 20 minutes. To get full benefit, question everything you have, everything you've done, foot by foot, piece by piece.

Would you keep everything exactly as it is? How about widening that walk along the house enough so you can use it as a terrace and moving your most comfortable lawn chairs there? How about a picnic table hinged to the side of the garage in the way tables fold out of the way in tiny apartments? Can you get twice the use from your driveway? Can you do something new with that strip of shade? Maybe the bank that's hard to mow can be covered with flowers. Once you try it, you'll like the looks of several clumps of red rhubarb instead of bare soil back of your tulips, iris, and painted daisies.

Space-finding is like a game. And so profitable, costs being what they are.

For more ideas, see page 284

Increase the use and appeal of your entrance by making a doorstep garden of potted plants. Change colors with the season. These tulips and cinerarias at Harry M. Eichelberger home are followed by husky marigolds and petunias

"To see America is to love America"

Seven days you'll never forget

You'll say it's too short, but here's how to pack the biggest and most exciting thrills of Southern California into the most fabulous vacation your family's ever had

By John McPartland

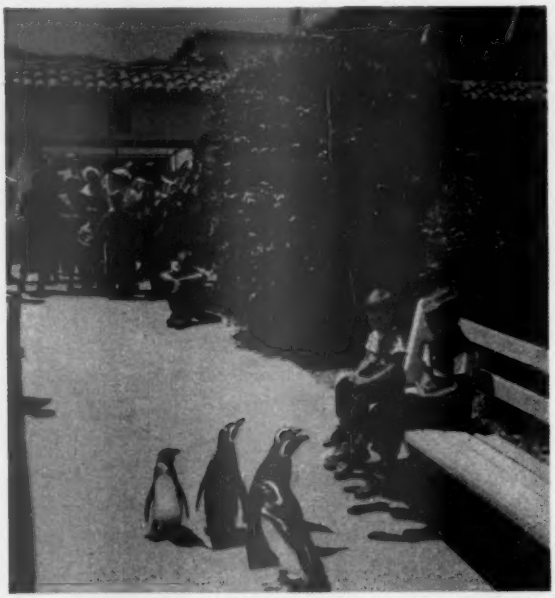
Is it worthwhile to take a family trip to Southern California if you have only a short time—as little as seven days—to spend there? Is it too expensive? Can a family have a good time without working too hard at having fun to really enjoy it? Is Southern California overrated?

All the good things you've heard about Southern California are true. The bad things are true only in respect to parts of the larger cities. In the 15,000 square miles from Santa Barbara to Mexico and from the ocean to the desert, you can sample almost every good way of life, almost every climate, and almost every kind of scenery that you would find on a world tour. There's sheer natural beauty of incredible variety; Emerald Bay at Laguna is a world away from the blazing reds and purples of the desert. Yet you can enjoy bay and desert the same morning. Southern California is not overrated; your family will enjoy it and remember it always.

You can pack a month of excitement into seven days here—the serene luxury of Santa Barbara, the excitement of Newport Harbor, the elegance of Beverly Hills, the cool pine mountains, the four centuries of history that remain so vividly alive here, the sense of tomorrow that is so much a part of daily life in Southern California.

Allow two hundred and fifty dollars—a little more if you've a weakness for souvenirs—for this week (assuming there are two adults and two young [*Turn to page 263*

You can stay longer, but even a one-day steamer trip to Catalina's Avalon Bay will give you thrills of an ocean voyage and family discovery of a treasure island



Fish or fowl? Free bird park on Catalina has one of world's great collections

Quiet of historic Spanish missions, dating back as far as 1769, is a world apart from Hollywood's excitement. Chapel at Pala, above, is small, but picturesque

Pines-to-palms. Spectacular mountain highway drops you from cool heights of often-snow-capped Mount San Jacinto to heat of desert near Palm Springs

You don't have to bring your own yacht to go boating in Newport Bay. Quiet waters offer protected swimming, too, literally "across the street" from ocean beach

Photographs: Muench, Bond, Kelly, de Gennaro, Lowman, Kleinberg

The one sight the natives all agree on: You can see fairyland lights of Los Angeles from countless points. View here is from Mulholland Drive back of Hollywood

Granddaddy of all the "supers," Farmers' Market is a pilgrimage point if you thirst mightily for the fanciest and juiciest of everything that grows

You'll understand why artists and photographers flock to Laguna. Considered the most scenic of beaches near Los Angeles, it's also popular for sun and swimming

The hall continues the yellow woodwork of the living room and carries the green broadloom carpet across the width of the hall and up the stairs where it continues through the upper hall

You can use one color

all through the house

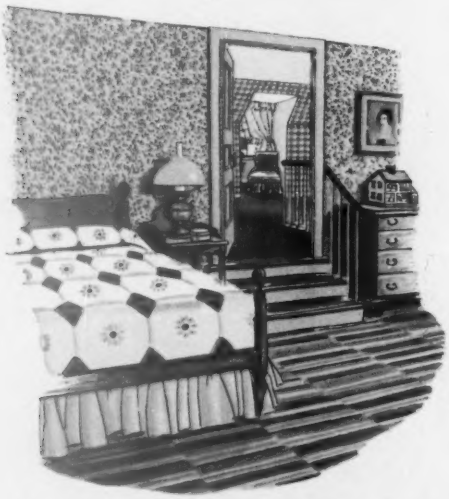
By Harry Richardson

The use of one color is growing in popularity because it has a way of making small homes look larger without being monotonous. If you like the new trend, you've probably wondered just how to go about using your favorite color this way in your own home.

To illustrate how it's done, we've chosen yellow, a color that works wonders in bringing sunshine into rooms that need cheer. By lamplight, yellow casts a warm glow that makes harmonious greens or browns look rich and satisfying.

Whatever your favorite color, these simple rules apply when you create a one-color scheme: Choose one color to predominate. Then select one or two others you'll use to play second fiddle to the leading color. With the yellow scheme shown, green and brown play supporting roles.

Vary the importance you let supporting colors assume in different rooms, and you can get variety without having conflicting color schemes. Here, room by room, is how you can carry one color all through the house.



In the bedroom, brown comes to the fore to create a restful effect. You find it in the wallpaper and in the carpet with its muted greens and yellows. The wood tones are pine and maple

Drawings: Harry Richardson

In the kitchen, yellow cabinets and woodwork, with darker yellow door and soffit are dramatic against dark brown walls borrowed from the dining alcove. Cork-tile floor introduces a pleasant texture and combines well with terra-cotta linoleum counter tops

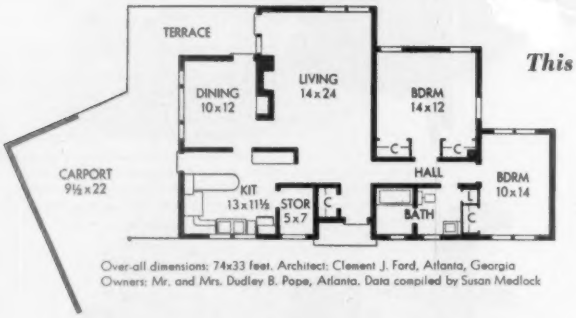
In the bathroom, yellow fixtures and yellow woodwork contrast with dark green cabinets. Cabinets have bright yellow linoleum tops; floor is brown jaspe linoleum; rug is yellow

The living-room colors set the stage for the entire house, and yellow predominates here, with yellow walls and woodwork. Green, second in importance, covers the floor in broadloom carpet, while brown appears only in the furniture

You can get help with your decorating problems at one of the Home Planning Centers operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens. You'll find the Centers listed in this issue on page 230.

Dining alcove follows through with yellow draperies, but—in a room flooded with sunshine—uses dark tobacco brown for the walls. Color accents are the strong terra cotta introduced in the chair cushions and the spice of green and dark brown in the figured rug from wall to wall

In the study, wood-grained wallpaper and linoleum floor introduce brown to this room with its yellow woodwork, bookcase, and captain's chair. Green (used only in fabrics) and terra cotta are color accents



Over-all dimensions: 74x33 feet. Architect: Clement J. Ford, Atlanta, Georgia
Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley B. Pope, Atlanta. Data compiled by Susan Medlock

This month's Five Star home proves that you can make a

Compromise with

Our Five Star home for March, No. 2103, is a compromise—and a happy one. Avoiding the triteness of some Traditional as well as the starkness of some Modern, it emerges as a house with a fresh, pleasing style of its own.

This is a good house, though, in more than looks alone.

This is, first, an *efficient* house. Basementless except for one small room to house furnace and water heater, its laundry and most of its storage areas are upstairs—where they belong.

This is a *comfortable* house. Awning windows all around mean you don't have to sprint around closing them every time it rains. The compartmented bath means you can shave, she can soak—and both of you in privacy.

This is a *friendly* house. The pictures at right attest to that, as do the roomy parking court, the picture-windowed dining room, the shaded terrace behind. In this house, guests and good times are almost inevitable.

Finally, this is *not* a regional house. Though you see it here in a Deep South setting, it would be just as efficient, just as comfortable, just as friendly, and just as much at home in Connecticut, Kansas, Kentucky, or California. *More on page 228*

You can buy plans for this or any Better Homes & Gardens

Two walls of the big (14x24 feet) living room are finished with the same light pine used on the entrance alcove. This room, unlike those in too many small homes, is no traffic artery; you don't have to go through it to reach any other room in the house. Notice awning window

The varying reds of old brick—accented by the white of carport and trim—stand out handsomely against a backdrop of pines and oaks. The carport is angled so its louvered wall can provide privacy for the terrace

Photographs: William M. Branham

tradition

By John Normile, A. I. A.
Building Editor

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The same freedom from style dictatorship that was displayed in the exterior design is also evident inside. Doors open onto the terrace from both the living room (far right) and dining room (see plan). Rough brick of fireplace wall and the smooth, waxed brick of the dining-room floor offer a pleasing contrast in texture

Five Star home

Our contemporary home is

As intimate as an old friend

By Mr. and Mrs. Byron Vandegrift as told to Martha B. Darbyshire

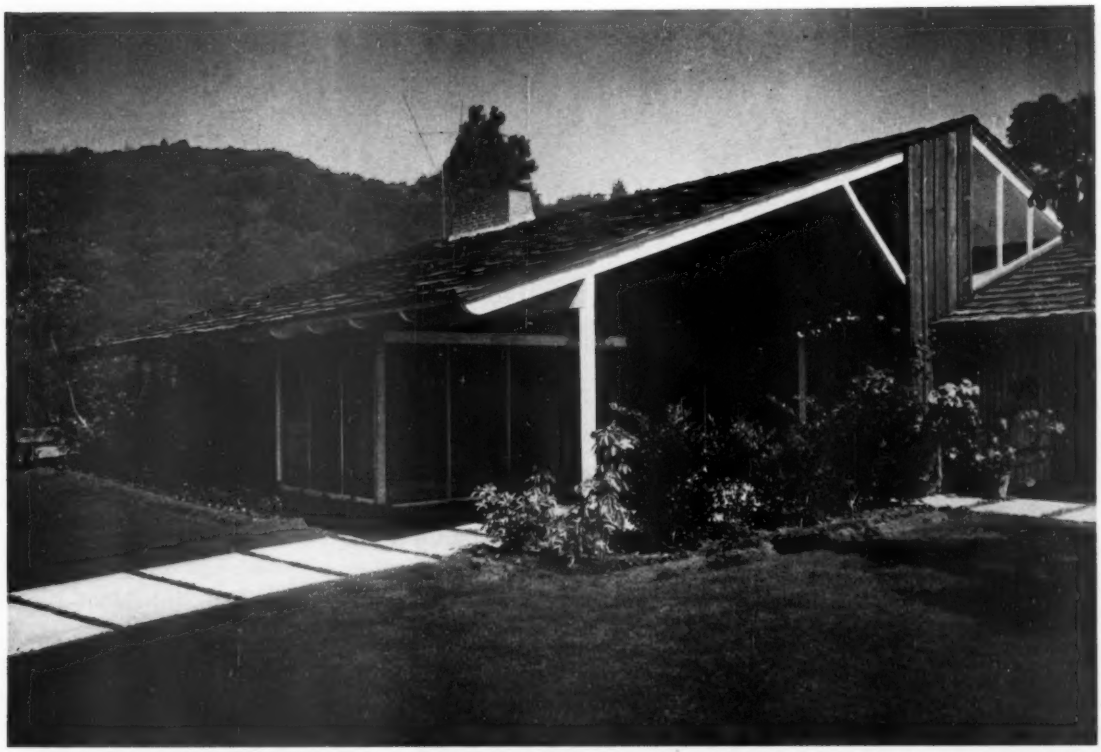
You may decide that a Modern home is the common-sense solution for you and your growing family. And yet when it comes to furnishings, at heart you're still a Traditionalist. You may have treasured pieces you want to use wherever you live. What can you do? You can buy or build your Modern home, move in your Traditional furniture, and live happily ever after.

That's what we did. After living in two old-style houses, we wanted a Modern home—one designed for the comfortable, informal way our family of four likes to live. We wanted room enough so our lively children would have plenty of space to play anywhere in the house.

Into our Modern house went all our treasured Traditional furniture. A few Modern pieces were added. These pictures of our new home prove that good Traditional furnishings, functional and simple in design, fit well into Modern surroundings. We're happy with our new place—it has real livability.

Partition designed to separate the living and dining areas is a close combination of both Traditional and Modern. The Vandegrifts use a wood screen with a partial brick wall and a floor planter. A stretcher table, Windsor chairs, and glass chandelier are old family favorites from a former Traditional-style home. The floor is of easy-to-clean cement tile

As you step into the living room, a pleasant combination of Traditional and Modern greets you. From their former home, the Vandegrifts brought traditional tables, sofa, love seat, and chair. Modern feeling comes from large windows, window planter, and ceiling of half exposed wood beams, half plaster



Shake roof and redwood boards and battens give the Vandegrifts' home an informal look. Floor-to-ceiling windows bring the front yard right into the living room. Broad overhang shades living room from summer sun. Designer Paul Sterling Hoag used a clerestory window in the gable to light the hall

Photographs: de Gennaro

Sitting by the fire is a family tradition. That's why the Vandegrifts had the hearth of their fireplace built extra wide. The long black iron hood serves as a chimney and also radiates heat. There's generous storage space in the built-in magazine rack and cabinets along the wall. The open planning gives you a feeling of spaciousness—plenty of room for a family to relax in

Floor-to-ceiling windows seem to extend living room out onto lawn beyond covered entryway. Note drapery treatment of slanting windows. Conversation-piece table was made by mounting a circular glass top on antique porcelain barrel. Vandegrifts find the table handy when they entertain friends at buffet suppers

Make all your steps important

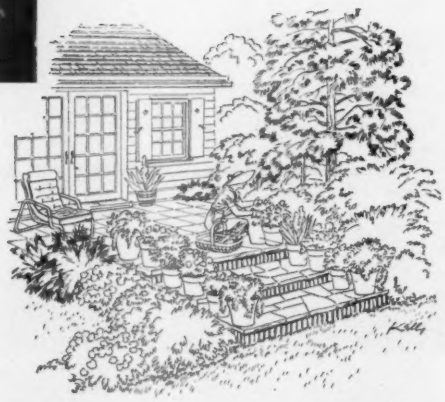
By Leslie MacRae

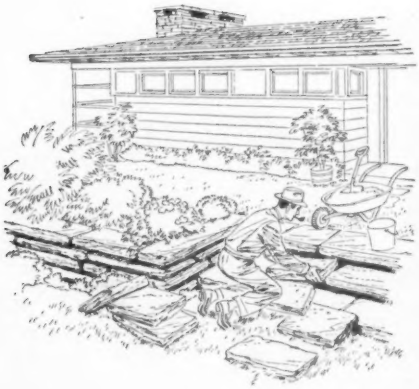
Photographs: de Gennaro

Steps are something you can't ignore. By their very nature, they focus attention on themselves. Reasonably smooth treads and absolute steadiness are the first requirements. After that, you have a choice of materials, each of which produces a different effect, even though the measurements of treads and risers are the same. By planting alone, steps can be made important features. Planting can make them attractive without subtracting anything from their usefulness.

Trim outlines — for terrace near house

Brick risers, smoothly mortared, and capped with tile, slate, or thin stone treads, require a fair degree of skill in masonry, but make a pleasant flight of steps where formal lines without stiffness are wanted. To line the sides with mammoth Swiss Blue Pansies in 6-inch red clay pots is the idea of Mrs. Manfred Meyberg, Bel-Air, California.





Low-cost, serviceable, and pretty

Salvaged broken concrete slabs from walks and pavement can be laid up to make good-looking steps. The coarser the aggregate, the better-looking the steps. Use soil between slabs and plant low-growing rock plants in cracks at sides. Purple aubrietia is the flower that has been used here.

Graphic Photo

Informal — for a planted bank

Where a bank is retained by rocks and low-growing plants, steps with rounded edges blend better than others into the picture. If a curb is used to prevent loss of soil, let it step down as the steps do. Avoid sharp corners. Let pinks, veronicas, sedums, and other mat-forming plantings obscure edges.

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Your money's worth in furniture

Don't buy the first you see. Shop around and choose with care. Remember, you want lasting satisfaction

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By Mary L. Brandt

Photograph: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

If you choose Traditional, it's because you want your home to have dignity and charm. And you'll want the best of quality. Here's a dining room furnished with fine Eighteenth Century reproductions. Cherry woods have a warm glow. Striped upholstery material is particularly appropriate with Duncan Phyfe chairs

Rooks

If you choose Modern, you'll look for quality, too, because you know that quality furniture is extra comfortable. In this Modern living-dining room, the furniture is as well made as it is well designed; it cleans easily, wears long and well. You never grow tired of furniture with good design

Furniture is a long-term investment. Most of you hope that the chairs and tables you buy today will outlast your lifetime, perhaps become heirlooms. So you'll want the best possible furniture for your money.

First of all, look for furniture that suits your own needs best. Double-purpose pieces cost a little more, so be sure of just what extra uses you really need. Whatever period you want, you have a choice of dozens of styles, shapes, and sizes. Measure the space you have to find what size and shape will fit it best. (And take your tape measure along when you go shopping. Furniture always looks smaller in a store than it does in your home.)

Think in terms of separate pieces that look well together rather than investing in complete suites. Suites may include too many pieces or pieces that are too big. If you buy each piece separately, you can buy only the pieces you need and want.

Make your own check list of features to look for—and be sure to ask the salesman about them. Your list might include such points as:

Flexibility. How can the piece serve in different rooms now or later? Does it have any extra use? Does it team up with any other pieces to make a storage wall or extra-long sofa? Is the finish one that might blend with different color schemes? Is the style simple enough that you could mix the piece with other furniture periods?

Livability. You'll want furniture that's handsome. But be sure it will be easy to care for and sturdily built, too. Is the finish waterproof? How can the upholstery be cleaned? Will the upholstery catch or snag?

Comfort. Most of all you'll want furniture that's easy to live with. Bring Dad along when you pick out an easy chair for him. Let him try it for size. Pull the end table or coffee table you want over to a chair like your own to be certain it's at an easy-to-reach height.

Most construction points are hidden values. They're part of the reason why two chairs that look alike often vary so widely in price. You can check the seable points like these for yourself: Is all the finish the same color? Is the finish smooth to touch? Does the piece stand [*Turn to page 297*

A fully illustrated study lesson in booklet form on this article is available as one of a new Better Homes & Gardens series on how to do your own decorating. See the "How-to-Helps" feature on page 232 for details on the series and how to get these lessons. Next month: Floor coverings.

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Beautiful

A lovely centerpiece is one sure way to bring a touch of elegance to your table. So go all out next time you have a party. Plan a centerpiece to make your table beautiful.

Here's how to do it: The centerpiece should pick up a color in your dishes or tablecloth. And keep it in style with your table furnishings. For instance, if you prefer the sophisticated look of Modern, let your centerpiece repeat the sleek, simple lines.

What to use for the centerpiece? Here's where your imagination comes in. You can start with a plant stand, figurine, or servers. Or candelabra, candlesticks, flower bowl, or Lazy Susan. Combine any one of these with a touch of greenery, fruit, a few flowers, or the food itself. That's exactly what we've done here.

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Centerpiece picks its Oriental theme from the exquisitely simple, Ming-pattern china. You can make an attractive arrangement with any berried or flowering branch. Cluster a large flower or several small ones at base of the branch for center of interest

Servers and beautiful food make the centerpiece. Glowing brass of food warmers brings the same warmth and richness to the table as the golden-hued flatware. Slender black flower bowl emphasizes the black in dish design and glassware

centerpieces

for your table

By Fae Huttenlocher

Dainty, white-wire plant stand holds bright red cherries splashed with greenery. Notice how the centerpiece picks up the motif of the inexpensive earthenware

Photographs: Hopkins

Dramatic blue-glass bird figurine repeats the color in the dishes and place mats. Yellow accents of the lemons, cigarette dish, and bird brighten the table. Versatile figurines, like this one, are equally attractive with arrangements of flowers or branches. And use them, too, to spark up a mantel or open shelf

Snap beans Sweet corn Onions Peas Endive Cucumbers Eggplant Peppers

Growing your own pays off

If your pyramiding food bills have long since flattened any hope of cutting the high cost of family eating—but you need to be shown that a vegetable garden is worthwhile in money value when you consider what you put into it—here is inspiration.

A study by *Better Homes & Gardens* shows $5.25 invested in seeds, insecticide, and plant food this spring will pay off better than 17 to 1, or $91.02. The figure is based on average retail vegetable prices for July, 1950.

It doesn't take a slide rule to figure the good-eating bonus your family will enjoy this summer from the 15-vegetable bonanza pictured—delivered fresh in season!

The $5.25 cost figure assumes you have the basic tools—garden hoe, spading fork, rake, trowel; that you spade the plot yourself, and that you grow all plants from seed.

But you'll still realize better than 4-to-1 dividends—$91.02 for $19.15—if you buy the tools, pay for the plowing, raise your tomatoes, onions, peppers, eggplant, early

Beets Cabbage Chinese cabbage Carrots Head lettuce Tomatoes Radishes

For the vegetables above, at last summer's prices, you paid— $91.02

You can grow them in a 20x25-foot home garden for— 5.25

Can you use $85.77?

cabbage, and head lettuce from plants or sets, and grow the other kinds shown from seed (see tables, page 288).

There are success conditions. Vegetables need sun, can't cope with tree roots for food and water. Soil must be good, well prepared, and watering means a better crop. You'll need to keep weeds out, pests off.

From 25 to 30 hours during the summer should do the job—8 or 9 hours for planting, and 1 hour a week in care. Bountiful nature will do the rest.

For plot plan and yield chart, see page 288

No yard is hopeless

—with a plan of action

BEFORE

AFTER

Back corner of yard gave us little privacy and an unsatisfactory view of busy and unattractive back alley. Grass in the shade of our dogwood tree was thin and poor

By Alice L. Dustan
Landscape designer

We live in an old house. We thought our narrow city lot in Morristown, New Jersey, was a permanent problem, and the only solution was to move. But finally we recognized its possibilities and acted on them.

We did most of the work ourselves with materials at hand. We achieved privacy, outdoor living areas, and room for our hobby of gardening. All this with a modest outlay of money.

Our garden still doesn't have everything we want—but the future changes already are planned, and will come when we can afford them. Meanwhile, we are completely happy with what we have accomplished.

Here are the difficulties we faced:

The lot was only 45 feet wide, and 110 feet deep. More than half the area was taken up by house, poorly located garage, and a long driveway which cut across the back of the lot. Close neighbors on three sides looked in on us. Although friendly, they made us self-conscious about entertaining outdoors.

Our garden had always given us big returns in color. But, with all the additions, we now seem to have more flowers than ever before.

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The changes make the same corner attractive from early spring to late fall. Flagstone replaces scrubby grass. The tall board fence serves as a screen for privacy and wind shelter

Photographs: Gottscho-Schleisner, Nichols

The SOUP that Came before Cook Books

That's Vegetable Soup...variously made Here are three popular kinds

BY Anne Marshall

ANNE MARSHALL
Director Home Economics Campbell Soup Company

Vegetable soup is one of the very oldest in the world. Long before there were cook books, or *any* books, women were making soup by combining vegetables and herbs. Often they included meat. This was the beginning of our traditional vegetable soup, which has nourished men, women and children for thousands of years—and will for years to come.

Today the vegetable soup served, more and more, in American homes is ready-prepared from "tried and true" recipes. It's enjoyed in the three equally delicious kinds shown here.

Vegetarian Vegetable Soup seems "made" to accompany salmon salad sandwiches; hot coffee cake and apple sauce; deviled egg salad; peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

Vegetable-Beef Soup is grand with toasted or grilled cheese sandwiches; potato or macaroni salad; creamed eggs on toast; green salad.

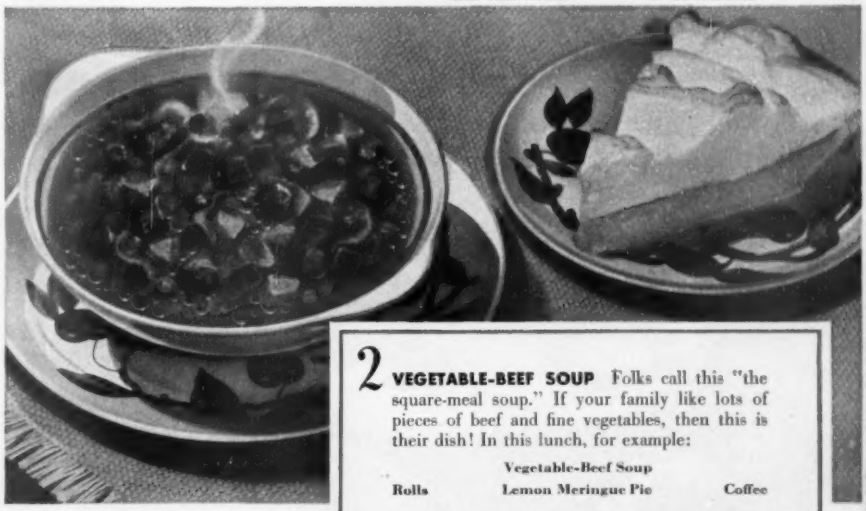
Substantial and heart-warming, Vegetable Soup "goes with" just about everything, and so is ideal to plan meals around. For instance, Vegetable Soup tastes so good with grilled ham sandwiches; cheese soufflé and a relish; with frankfurters on toasted rolls; fruit salad and hot muffins—to name only a few.

Why not try the menus pictured here—or vary them to suit *your* family's taste?

1 VEGETARIAN VEGETABLE SOUP For those who prefer a meatless lunch, the menu below features a fine, flavorful soup crammed with luscious vegetables mingled in vegetable broth. It's sure of a welcome:

Vegetarian Vegetable Soup

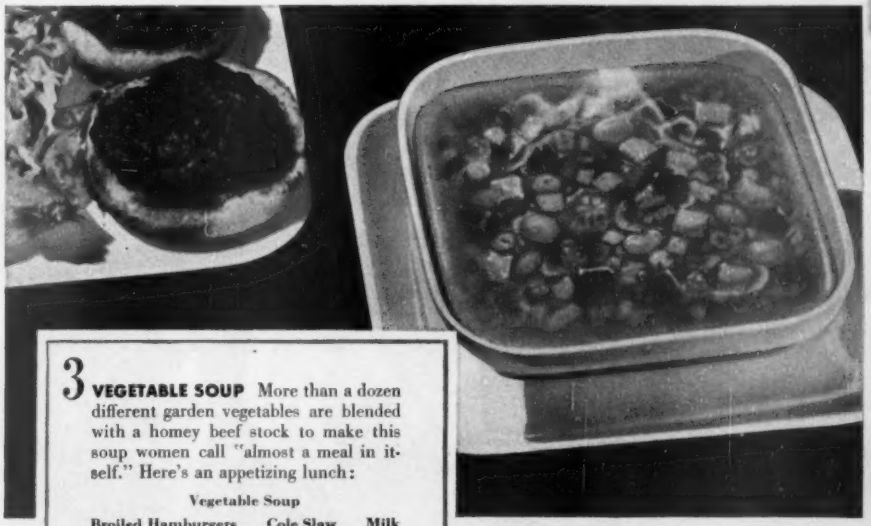
Tuna Sandwiches **Sliced Bananas** **Tea**



2 VEGETABLE-BEEF SOUP Folks call this "the square-meal soup." If your family like lots of pieces of beef and fine vegetables, then this is their dish! In this lunch, for example:

Vegetable-Beef Soup

Rolls **Lemon Meringue Pie** **Coffee**



3 VEGETABLE SOUP More than a dozen different garden vegetables are blended with a homey beef stock to make this soup women call "almost a meal in itself." Here's an appetizing lunch:

Vegetable Soup

Broiled Hamburgers **Cole Slaw** **Milk**

Delicious for Spring

By Myrna Johnston

When a new season bursts as gay, light-hearted, and beautiful as spring, the cook should have a fling. That's *you*. Plan to fix something you haven't served for a long time or, better still, something you've never tried before.

For luncheon guests, Baked Crab Meat and Shrimp, lower left, comes straight from oven to table in ruffly seashells.

Big Tuna Roll, top left, is a neat and delectable way to stretch a cup of tuna. Nippy cheese sauce goes over the top.

The chafing dish keeps Welsh Rabbit smooth and hot to the last snappy bite. Below it is a big baker of Macaroni and Cheese—crusty-topped and full of fine cheese flavor. The little copper casseroles, lower right, have hot deviled eggs nestled in crisp, French-fried noodles, a rich brown sauce all [*Turn to page 95*

Photograph: Kuoni Studio

Desserts that will dazzle your guests

And you do want to dazzle them. That's the fun of turning out a beautiful creation in the kitchen.

The cheese cake's a *dazzler*, all right. Serve it in the evening when it can be the whole show. Bring it on at 10 p.m. One look and one bite, and the talk does a quick switch to "Isn't this wonderful?" "How did you get it so light and tender?" "This is the best cheese cake I've ever eaten."

Dazzler No. 2 is Jonquil Pudding, all white and golden to remind you of jonquils—and spring and Easter-egg hunts.

Dazzler No. 3 is Sunnyside Shortcake—two decks of tender cake topped with neat rows of juicy, perfect orange sections, topped with Orange Sauce.

For recipes on how to dazzle, see below.

Elegant Cheese Cake

So high, tender, delicately flavored—

- 1½ cups fine zweiback crumbs
- 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 8-ounce packages cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 cup light cream
- 4 stiff-beaten egg whites

Blend zweiback crumbs with butter and 2 tablespoons sugar; press onto bottom of 9-inch spring pan. Blend ½ cup sugar with flour, salt, and cream cheese, which has been softened at room temperature. Add vanilla. Stir in egg yolks and mix well. Add cream and blend thoroughly. Fold in stiff-beaten egg whites; pour the mixture on top of the crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (325°) about 1¼ hours, or until set in the center. Garnish with whipped cream and red jelly. Serves 8 to 10.

Jonquil Pudding

Alternate the fluffy white and gold mixtures in tall parfait glasses—

White part

- 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- ¼ cup sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 2 stiff-beaten egg whites
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Yellow part

- 2 beaten egg yolks
- 2 cups milk
- 2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca
- ¼ cup sugar
- ⅛ teaspoon salt

White part: Mix tapioca, sugar, and salt; add milk. Heat to boiling. Cook until mixture begins to thicken, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; cool slightly. Fold egg whites into cooled mixture. Add vanilla. Chill. **Yellow part:** Mix egg yolks with small amount of milk; add tapioca, sugar, salt, and remaining milk. Heat quickly to boiling, stirring constantly. Cool. Spoon white and yellow parts alternately into tall glasses. Top with nests of green coconut; fill with candy Easter eggs. Serves 8.

To tint coconut: Add enough green food coloring to 1 tablespoon water to make the color you want. Fill a pint jar half full of shredded coconut. Add the colored water. Cover and shake jar till coconut is evenly tinted. Spread on paper toweling to dry.

Sunnyside Shortcake

Tender one-egg cake served shortcake-style with perfect sections of fresh oranges—

- ½ cup shortening
- 2 cups cake flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup sugar
- ¾ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg, unbeaten

Stir shortening to soften. Sift in dry ingredients. Add milk and vanilla and mix until blended; then beat 2 minutes by hand or low speed on electric mixer. Add egg and beat 1 minute. Bake in greased 13x9-inch pan in moderate oven (375°) 25 minutes. Cut cake to make two layers. Fill and top with orange sections. Pour Orange Sauce over orange sections. Garnish with maraschino cherries on the stem.

Orange Sauce

- ¾ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 teaspoons grated orange peel

Mix sugar, cornstarch, and salt. Stir in orange juice. Cook until thick and clear, stirring constantly. Add orange peel. Makes 1¼ cups.

Photograph: H. Williams

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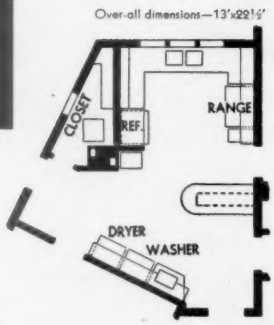
Floor space in front of laundry equipment is increased by angling the wall (see plan). Laundry tray is enclosed in attractive cabinet that serves as loading counter for washer

Angled wall back of breakfast bar holds laundry equipment. Laundry supplies go in cabinets painted blue; counter and splash back are yellow plastic



This kitchen works—with charm

Utensil cabinet near sink has semicircular shelves that swing pots and pans out with door. Inside of cabinet is watermelon red

Handy hardwood board pulls out next to refrigerator for cutting meat. Yellow plastic used for counter tops extends up wall to cabinets

More on page 136

By Elizabeth Gilrain

Photographs: de Gennaro

A kitchen is only as good as it looks and works. This one, designed by Architect Stephen A. Stepanian and decorated by Robinson's, is a winner on both counts.

It has a U-plan for the food-preparation center that brings major equipment and storage cabinets into a compact working relationship. Furthermore, the cabinets are individually planned for their particular roles. Cooky sheets and serving platters are filed in the cabinet next to the range, and utensils swing out of a cabinet adjoining the sink.

Clever design also angled two walls of the kitchen to provide space for a laundry that works on the assembly-line system. Clothes start at the loading counter next to the automatic washer and progress through the automatic dryer. A second cocked wall gives a triangular pantry to store canned foods and water heater.

Rich color used with birch cabinets makes this U-plan kitchen a standout. Breakfast bar is near refrigerator and range. Curtains and chair pads have quaint Pennsylvania Dutch pattern. Ceiling's white, sound-resistant

62 ideas for your spring dinners

By Betsy McCracken

For the meat platter . . .

Broiled Ham Slice . . . or Baked Ham
Ham Loaf

Potato dish . . .

Orange Candied Yams* . . . or
Au Gratin Potatoes
Scalloped Potatoes

Vegetable bowl . . .

Buttered Asparagus Tips
. . . or
Whole-kernel Corn
Scalloped Tomatoes
Boston Baked Beans

Tender Veal Birds* . . . or Veal Roast
Breaded Veal
Chops

Browned Paprika Potatoes
. . . or
Fluffy Rice
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Noodles

Parsleyed Carrots . . . or
Cheese Onions
Succotash
Sweet-sour Beets

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Lamb Roast . . . or Lamb Shoulder Chops
Bacon-wrapped Lamb
Patties

Baked Potatoes . . . or
Hash-brown Potatoes
French-fried Potatoes

Minted Peas* . . . or
Broccoli With Lemon Sauce
Chopped Spinach
Carrots and Onions

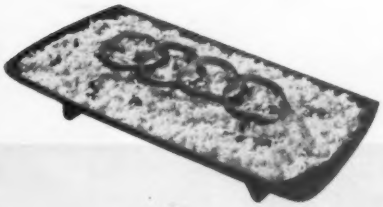
When you find the first tender asparagus spears, tiny green onions, or stalks of rosy rhubarb on the market, you know spring has come. So take advantage of the season's fresh, new flavors and colors to brighten your meals.

Here are ideas aplenty to perk up your daily menus, to make planning them easy for you. This is what you do: First pick the meat from the suggestions in the column at the left. Then choose what to serve in the potato dish, vegetable bowl, salad plate, and for dessert from the ideas across the page. Put on tall glasses of cold milk for the youngsters in your family.

If you're planning for company or Sunday dinner, you can dress up the meal without a lot of fuss. Just add one of the "nice to serve" extras on the right.

Salad plate . . .

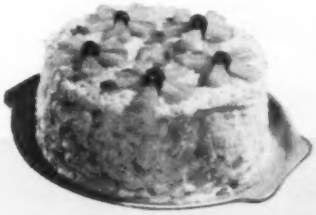
Spring Salad Bowls . . . or
Carrot-Raisin Salad
Frozen Pear Salad
Peach-Pineapple Salad



Cabbage-Pepper Slaw . . . or
Tomato and Onion Ring Salad
Molded Cranberry Salad

Grapefruit Salad Mold* . . . or
Lettuce With Blue Cheese Dressing
Spiced Beet Salad

Dessert . . .



Pineapple Chiffon Cake* . . . or
Lemon Velvet
Hot Mince Pie

Ambrosia . . . or
Lemon Angel Pie
Apricot Whip

Pink Rhubarb Cobbler* . . . or
Burnt-sugar Cake
Cheese and Crackers

And nice to serve

Chilled Relishes . . . or
Hot Biscuits
Pineapple Juice
Watermelon Pickles

Hot Coffee . . . or
Crisp Pickle Slices
Bran Muffins
Cups of Hot Bouillon

Parker House Rolls . . . or
Hot Spiced Tomato Juice
Fruit Cocktail
Chilled Ripe Olives

*Recipes on page 96

You're meals ahead

when you FREEZE

See how easy a dinner or a party can be. You get the food ready ahead when you have the time, freeze it till the busy day. Everything goes to the table just as luscious as when you made it.

By Ida Ruth Miller

A magic dinner that can be made ahead 2 to 4 weeks

From crusty chicken to golden corn sticks and lemon chiffon pie, you can have the meal pictured above ready in 45 minutes. How's that for a dinner after a busy day or for Sunday after you get home from church?

Detailed directions for freezing meal are on page 268.

Here's what you do when you plan to serve your frozen dinner: Thaw cranberries and pie in refrigerator 2 to 3 hours. Take tray out of freezer an hour before dinner. Lift off foil wrap; season chicken, potatoes, and asparagus. Put 2 or 3 pats of butter on asparagus. Replace foil, wrapping it snugly around tray again—it's the lid. Heat in hot oven (425°) 45 to 50 minutes. Then call dinner!

How to freeze foods in photographs, page 268

Kid stuff! You're all ready for small-fry food fun

At a moment's notice, you can have a hamburger fry. Buy buns at store in cellophane packages or make your own. For lunch-box speed make sandwiches and label Monday, Tuesday, and so on. The baked apples are handy for the lunch box, breakfast, or an easy dessert any day.

Ice-cream cones are all dipped when you get a hungry request—no waiting till the gallon container thaws to dipping temperature. Top scoop on each cone was dipped in crushed peppermint stick candy.

You can hand a yumsickle direct from the freezer to the hungry licker. He'll soon thaw it!

Photographs: Kuoni

A party? Get ready ahead

Here are wonderful ways to avoid out-of-breath hostessing: Look at all those ice cubes ready to go! And the frozen rolled sandwiches slice beautifully after they thaw an hour in refrigerator. Slice just before serving. Canapes, center, are all set to go, so all you have to do is thaw them an hour.

The eclairs are ice-cream-filled. Give them about 20 minutes out of the freezer before serving. Ice-cream pie should have 45 minutes on a refrigerator shelf before you serve it.

French-fried shrimp: Heat to piping hot in oven (425°) about 25 minutes. Or you could have shrimp cocktail frozen and waiting.

Cook double; bake double

Here's real luxury: Reach in the freezer for a frosted cake, a fresh-baked pie, a homemade loaf, little chicken pies, home-baked beans, long-brewed spaghetti sauce.

The trick is to cook or bake a double batch: Eat some; freeze some.

Let bread, cake, and pie thaw in refrigerator, or in covered container at room temperature. For warm pie, wrap in foil after thawing, heat in oven (425°). Place chicken pies on cooky sheet; wrap in foil; heat in oven (425°) till bubbling hot. Add a little water to baked beans and spaghetti sauce after they thaw; then heat till boiling hot.

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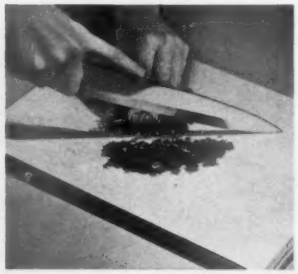
Sharp tricks

with a chef's knife

By Julia Hindley

You can cut or chop foods safely and easily with a French cook's knife. Its secret is its sharp, heavy blade. Once you catch on to the techniques of using the knife, in pictures below, you'll find it a real timesaver in the kitchen. And it's as handy for meats, fruits, and other vegetables as it is for the parsley and onions.



To cut parsley, first arrange the sprigs into a compact bouquet. Hold stems down on the cutting board with the thumb of your left hand. Spread your fingers over the top about ¼ inch from the edge of the parsley. Grasp handle of French knife close to the blade and extend your forefinger along the top of the knife blade. Hold point of knife down on the cutting board, ready for first cut . . . .

. . . . Blade cuts through parsley in a single, clean, sharp cut to the board. See how your knuckles guide the blade away from your finger tips. Without moving the point of the knife, quickly grasp the parsley with your finger tips again and feed it under the blade, ready for the next cut

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Make point of knife pivot for finer cutting of parsley, vegetables, fruit, or meat. Place small pieces on the cutting board. Hold the handle of the French knife with your right hand. Rest the fingers of your left hand across the top of the blade near the point. Now with a rocking motion, swing the knife blade up and down, back and forth as you cut

Chop 5 or 6 green onions at a time with the perfect leverage of the French knife. Arrange onions in double stack, grasping ends of stems to hold them secure. Hold point of blade down on board; raise the handle. Now cut through onions with one firm stroke. Use the same way for rhubarb, celery, and asparagus

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Just name the adorable new twin babies in the Great Gildersleeve household!

One's a boy . . . One's a girl! Two names like Peter and Paula might win! Or Ray and Kay! You can quickly think of better names than these. Remember, originality counts.

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It's easy to qualify for a special bonus prize. Just include with your entry the red-bordered end flaps from two (2) packages of Parkay instead of one. Then if your names for the twins in the Gildersleeve household are awarded a first prize, you will receive a bonus of $500 in cash in addition to your shining new 1951 Ford Victoria!

plus $500 cash bonus to each winner if two "red end flaps" accompany your entry (see below)

The Great Gildersleeve's niece, Margie, has had twins . . . and just by helping name them you may win a wonderful prize! (See listing of 1,170 prizes at left.)

Here's all you do: Go to your store and buy a package of Parkay Margarine. Tear off the red-bordered end flap and mail it to Kraft with your suggested names for the twins. Use the blank below or an entry blank from your grocer's. (Include two red end flaps if you want to qualify for the special bonus prize of $500.)

Be sure to read all rules carefully before you mail entries.

FOLLOW THESE EASY RULES TO WIN!

1. Print or write clearly your suggested names for the twin babies. Remember, one is a boy, and one is a girl. Use the coupon in this advertisement, plain piece of paper or entry blank from your grocer's.

2. Print your name and address on each entry. Include also name and address of the grocer from whom you bought Parkay Margarine.

3. Send in as many entries as you wish. Write each pair of name suggestions on a separate entry blank.

4. With each entry enclose the red-bordered end flap from any package of Parkay Margarine. To be eligible for the $500 cash bonus awarded to Ford Victoria winners, enclose red-bordered end flaps from two (2) packages of Parkay.

5. Mail entries to Parkay Margarine, Box 6799, Chicago 77, Illinois.

6. There will be five weekly contests. First contest starts March 7, 1951; last contest ends midnight April 14, 1951. Entries received before midnight March 17, will be judged in the first week's contest. Thereafter, entries as received will be judged in the then current week's contest which will close at midnight each successive Saturday. Entries for the final week's contest must be postmarked before midnight April 14, and must be received by April 21. No entries will be returned, and no correspondence entered into. The Kraft Foods Company assumes no responsibility for entries lost or delayed in the mail. Entries with inadequate postage will not be considered. You accept all conditions of rules when you enter.

7. Weekly prize winners will be notified by mail. No one person may win more than 1 prize in each contest, nor more than 1 first prize in all five contests. Complete lists of winners sent on request to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope at close of final contest.

8. Prizes as listed elsewhere in this advertisement will be awarded to the contestants whose name selections are considered most original, most unique and most apt by the judges. Judges' decision is final. Duplicate prizes in case of ties, in any week's contest. All entries become property of Krafts Foods Company. The names chosen for use on "The Great Gildersleeve" may be a combination of names suggested in this contest and do not necessarily have to be any of the winning names in the weekly contests.

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My own name is _____

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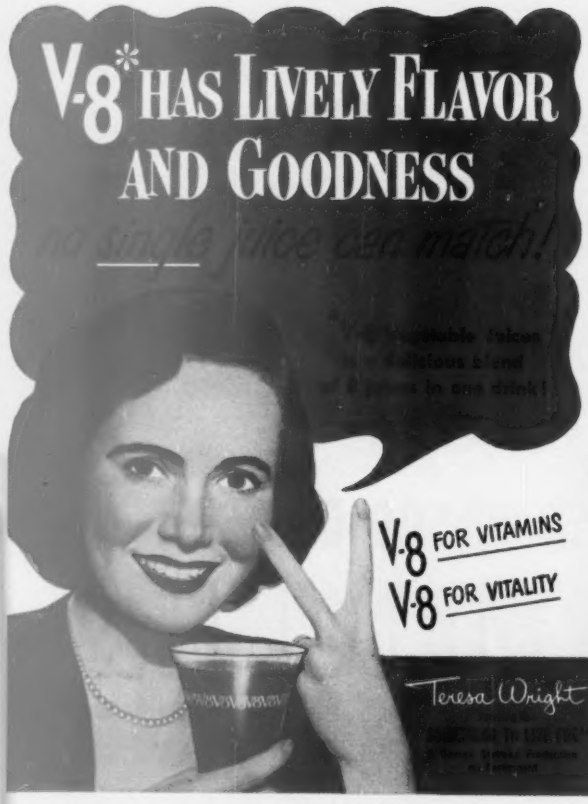

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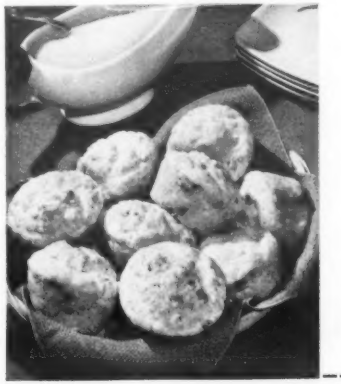


Butter Toast Cups With Tuna

We tell you how to make the "buttercups"—

- 6 slices day-old bread
- 3 tablespoons melted butter or fortified margarine
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ¼ cup chopped onion
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon nutmeg
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups milk
- 1 cup leftover canned or cooked frozen peas
- 1 7-ounce can (1 cup) tuna fish, flaked
- 3 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- ¼ cup grated sharp cheese

Remove crusts from bread; brush it on both sides with melted butter; sprinkle with paprika. Press into muffin pans and toast in moderate oven (350°) until golden, about 15 minutes. Cook onion in butter until golden; stir in flour and blend. Add seasonings. Gradually add milk and cook over low heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Stir in remaining ingredients and heat until cheese melts. Serve in toast cups.—*Mrs. Mary Newman, Columbus, Ohio.*

Supper Rings

Bologna slices sizzle into little cups to hold fluffy potatoes—

Leave casing on 6 bologna slices, cut ⅛ inch thick. Heat a little fat in skillet; heat bologna in fat until rings puff to form cups. Combine 2 cups leftover mashed potatoes, 1 teaspoon minced onion, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley, 2 tablespoons chopped green pepper, 1 tablespoon melted butter, ½ teaspoon salt, and ⅛ teaspoon pepper; beat fluffy. Spoon into bologna cups and sprinkle with grated American cheese. Place under broiler until cheese melts and potatoes are hot. Serves 6. —*Mrs. Wayne Frederick, Clarksburg, West Virginia.*

Henny Penny Muffins

Make them when there's just 1 cup of chicken left—

- 2 tablespoons chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 4 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
- 2 cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup diced leftover cooked chicken

Cook celery and onion in butter until golden. Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl. Combine eggs, milk, chicken, celery, onion, and butter in which vegetables were cooked. Add all at once to dry ingredients and stir until ingredients are just moistened. Bake in greased muffin pans in hot oven (425°) about 15 minutes. Makes 1½ dozen muffins. Serve with hot leftover chicken gravy or condensed cream of chicken soup.—*Mrs. G. W. Remsen, Rockford, Illinois.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Desserts

Chocolate-Nut Crunch

A rich, fluffy square, a cup of coffee—your party's planned—

- 2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs
- 1 cup chopped California walnuts
- ½ cup butter or fortified margarine
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 3 well-beaten egg yolks
- 1½ 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, melted
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 3 stiff-beaten egg whites

Combine crumbs and nuts. Line bottom of 9-inch square pan with half of the crumb mixture. Thoroughly cream butter and sugar; add egg yolks. Add chocolate and vanilla. Mix well. Fold in stiff-beaten egg whites. Spread over crumb mixture. Top with remaining crumb mixture. Chill in refrigerator overnight. Cut in squares. Serves 9.—*Mrs. M. A. Peterson, New Orleans, Louisiana.*

Hot-fudge Pudding

You make it with a mix. It comes out of the oven with its own fudge sauce—

1 package devil's food cake mix
1 cup brown sugar
1/4 cup cocoa
1 cup chopped California walnuts
1 3/4 cups hot water

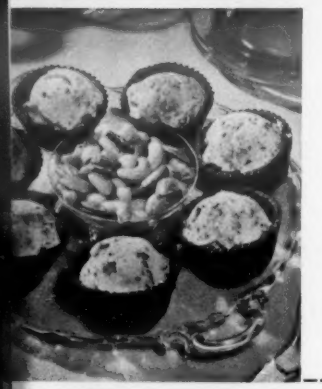
Prepare cake mix as directed on package. Pour one-half of batter into greased 9-inch square pan. (Use remaining batter for cupcakes.) Combine sugar, cocoa, and walnuts; sprinkle over batter. Pour hot water over. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream. Serves 9.—*Mrs. William Zoetewey, Los Angeles, California.*

Chocolate-Almond Souffle

A showy, how-did-you-do-it dessert. Airy, but rich—

1/3 cup quick-cooking tapioca
1 1/2 cup sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 1-ounce squares unsweetened chocolate, coarsely grated
2 cups milk
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
3 egg yolks
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
3 stiff-beaten egg whites

Combine tapioca, sugar, salt, chocolate, and milk. Cook till mixture comes to full boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; add butter. Beat egg yolks until light and lemon-colored. Add egg yolks and vanilla to chocolate mixture; mix well. Add gradually to egg whites, folding in thoroughly. Pour into greased 2-quart baking dish. Bake in pan of hot water in moderate oven (350°) 50 minutes. Serve hot with hard sauce or whipped cream. Garnish with toasted almonds. Serves 6 to 8.—*Ethel Heiple, Auburn, California.*



Chocolate-Mint Cups

You eat the dishes, too—

1 3 1/2-ounce package after-dinner mints
3/4 cup milk
Few drops green food coloring
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
1 1-ounce square unsweetened chocolate, grated

Combine mints and milk in double boiler. Heat until mints are melted. Cool. Add food coloring and fold in whipped cream. Pour into refrigerator tray and freeze until mushy. Fold in chocolate and freeze until firm. Serve in **Chocolate Cups:** Melt 1 6-ounce package semisweet chocolate pieces and 2 tablespoons shortening over hot water. Stir until thick; cool. Place paper baking cups in muffin pans. With a teaspoon, swirl chocolate mixture around inside cups. Cover entire surface with thin layer of chocolate. Chill. When chocolate is hard, tear off paper. Fill with ice cream. Serves 8.—*Mrs. Ned Lemieux, Seattle, Washington.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Leftovers

Pineapple-Veal Patties

You use leftover meat and get these delicious, dressed-up little roasts—

2 cups ground leftover roast veal
1/4 cup fine, dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup catsup
1/4 cup minced onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/8 teaspoon thyme
1 slightly beaten egg
4 or 5 slices canned pineapple
3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
1/3 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup pineapple syrup

Combine meat, crumbs, catsup, onion, seasonings, and egg; mix well. Shape into 4 or 5 large patties. Place on pineapple slices in greased shallow casserole. Combine remaining ingredients and spoon over patties. Cover. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 10 minutes; baste occasionally. Serves 4 to 5.—*Margaret Morrisroe, Westchester County, New York.*

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WINDMILL SALAD

In a shallow bowl, arrange alternating rings of dark and light-colored shredded salad greens. On top, arrange drained and chilled DEL MONTE Fruit Cocktail, as shown. Serve with this new fruit salad dressing, creamy and subtly spiced:

- 1 pkg. (3-oz.) cream cheese
- 1 tsp. sugar
- ½ tsp. salt
- Dash of cinnamon
- 1 tsp. grated lemon peel
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- ¼ cup syrup drained from DEL MONTE Fruit Cocktail

Mash cheese; add sugar, salt, cinnamon, lemon peel and juice. Mix well. Gradually add the fruit cocktail syrup; beat smooth. Makes about ¾ cup.

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Win a prize, good cooks!

There's a $70 jack pot waiting for you cooks who send us the best spaghetti, macaroni, or noodle recipes and refrigerator cooky recipes. And your chances are good—21 can win. We'll pay $10 for the best one and $3 for each for the 20 close contenders. Eight winning recipes will be pictured in October Cooks' Round Table.

Spaghetti, macaroni, and noodle dishes go easy on your budget, make wonderful cold-weather eating. What is your favorite?

You may start with homemade or prepared noodles; with elbow, shell, or quick-cooking macaroni; with packaged or canned spaghetti. You may end up with a baked dish or a top-of-the-range meal.

Perhaps your specialty is a spaghetti-sausage fix-up with tomatoes and cheese, a macaroni-salmon scallop, noodles with meat balls and tomato sauce. Or you may have a new version of an old favorite such as macaroni and cheese, Italian spaghetti, or chicken and noodles.

This is just a beginning of all the delicious spaghetti, macaroni, and noodle dishes. Choose the one you think is best to eat, prettiest to serve. Mail it in today.

Refrigerator cookies, crisp and delicious, have a lot in their favor. You can mix them ahead of time, then slice and bake when you need them.

What kind does your family like to find in the cooky jar? It may be orange cookies with coconut, rich chocolate-walnut bars, or spicy gingersnaps. Or your stand-by may be oatmeal or old-fashioned molasses cookies.

If you have any special tricks with refrigerator cooky dough, tell us about them, too. Do you roll the dough in logs or press it into an ice-cube tray to chill quickly?

Perhaps you give the cookies a quick trim by slicing them with a corrugated French-fry cutter. Or you may make fancy pin wheels by rolling up layers of chocolate and plain dough jelly-roll fashion.

Send us the recipe you've tried and like—a recipe with your own flair. Just follow the simple directions below. You'll be in line for a prize.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe.*

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "October Spaghetti, Macaroni, Noodle Recipes" or "October Refrigerator Cookies."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in the upper right corner of the recipe page in ink.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of your recipe.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens.*
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, March 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5403 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens,* Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Margaret Morrisroe. You'd never guess her delicious Pineapple-Veal Patties started with Sunday's roast.

Chicken is a surprise ingredient in Mrs. G. W. Remsen's tender Henny Penny Muffins. Mrs. Mary Newman's Butter Toast Cups With Tuna are colorful with bits of pimiento, peas, and golden cheese.

Leftover mashed potatoes are the beginning of a favorite meal for Mrs. Wayne Frederick. For her Supper Rings, she adds chopped parsley, onion, and grated cheese to the potatoes, serves them in hot bologna cups.

Prizewinning chocolate recipe is Mrs. M. A. Peterson's luscious Chocolate-Nut Crunch—perfect for your next bridge luncheon.

The cups in Mrs. Ned Lemieux's Chocolate-Mint Cups are made from semisweet chocolate. Inside is mint ice cream full of chipped chocolate. These dessert cups are clever as well as delicious.

Mrs. William Zoetewey starts her rich Hot-fudge Pudding with a package of devil's food cake mix. That's just how easy it is. Ethel Heiple likes to serve her airy Chocolate-Almond Soufflé hot with plenty of whipped cream.

These recipes are pictured on pages 89 and 90. The cooks who sent in this month's winning recipes are listed below.

Honor Roll

Mrs. Dean Belknap, Conrad, Iowa.
Mrs. A. J. Byer, Rockville Centre, N. Y.
Mrs. Verne Deltenre, Independence, Kans.
Mrs. Wayne Frederick, Clarksburg, W. Va.
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Mrs. William Zoetewey, Los Angeles, Calif.

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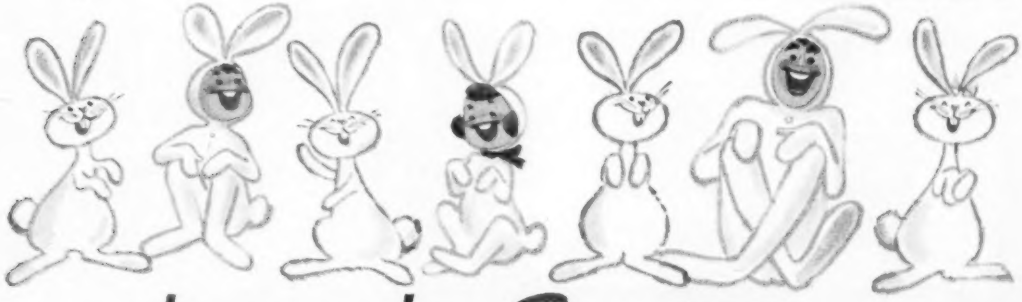

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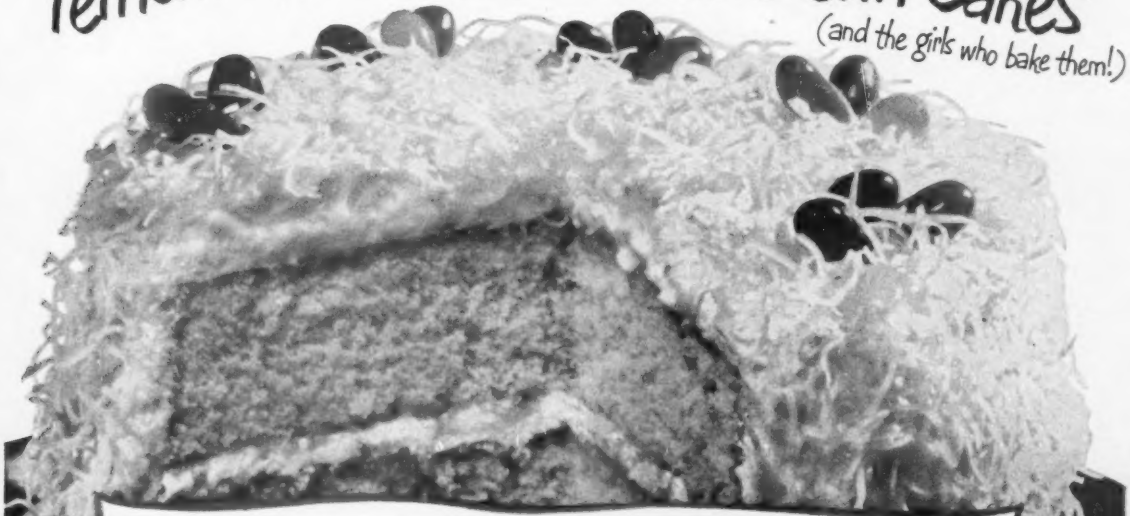

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To Frost: Prepare your favorite fluffy white frosting. Spread between these luscious layers and on top and sides of cake. Sprinkle generously with Baker's Coconut. Garnish with vari-colored jelly beans.

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HAM IN ORANGE SAUCE: Mix 2 tbsp. flour, ¼ c. sugar, 1 c. boiling water; cook till clear; stir constantly. Add grated rind of 1 orange, ½ c. orange juice, 1 tbsp. butter, a little curry. Heat cubed, cooked Swift's Premium Ham in sauce. Serve on hot, cooked rice. Garnish with green pepper rings.

HAM SANDWICH WHEEL: Cut a slice ½" thick crosswise from center of round loaf of bread. Cut a circle in center, then cut outward in wedges. Spread with butter or margarine, and ground Swift's Premium Ham and sweet pickle mixed with mayonnaise. Garnish with sliced olives and parsley.

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Delicious for spring

Begins on page 76

around. They're called Eagles' Nests and are perfect for a party luncheon. The loaf below is a salmon salad—for buffet entertaining.

Add to these the crisp, fresh vegetables of spring—a big salad bowlful, or a basket sprouting crunchy celery and new little onions.

Spring something new for spring!

Baked Crab Meat and Shrimp

Bake in casserole or in little shells like those on page 76—

- 1 medium-size green pepper, chopped
- 1 medium-size onion, chopped
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 6½-ounce can crab meat, flaked
- 1 6½- or 7-ounce can shrimp, cleaned
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup buttered crumbs

Combine ingredients, except crumbs; place in individual seashells or in greased casserole. Sprinkle with buttered crumbs. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Serves 8.

Tartare Sauce

A recipe to remember for your fish dinners—

Combine 1 cup mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon grated onion, 1 tablespoon minced dill pickle, 1 teaspoon minced parsley, and 1 teaspoon chopped pimiento.

Big Tuna Roll

Slice it, hot and crusty. Serve with a sauce—

- 2 cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ cup shortening
- 1 beaten egg
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup flaked tuna
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 teaspoons chopped onion
- 1½ tablespoons chopped parsley
- ¼ cup chopped sweet pickle
- ½ teaspoon salt

Sift flour with ½ teaspoon salt and baking powder. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add egg and ½ cup milk. Mix just until dough follows fork around bowl. Roll ¼ inch thick on lightly floured surface. Combine remaining ingredients; spread over dough; roll. Bake on greased cooky sheet in hot oven (425°) 30 minutes. Serve with **Cheese Sauce:** Melt 3 tablespoons fat; add 3 tablespoons enriched flour and blend; add 1½ cups milk; stir over low heat until thick. Season. Add ½ to 1 cup grated American cheese. Stir until melted.

Welsh Rabbit

It doesn't take long to make. Stir it up for a quick supper or a late snack—

- 1½ tablespoons butter
- 1½ tablespoons enriched flour
- 1½ cups milk
- 1 cup grated American or nippy spreading cheese
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ⅛ teaspoon paprika
- Salt

Melt butter, add flour, and blend. Add milk and cook over low heat until thick, stirring constantly; add cheese and stir over low heat until melted. Add mustard and paprika; salt to taste. Serve hot over buttered toast points. Serves 6.

Macaroni and Cheese

Easy to put together. A wonderful family-style supper—

- 1½ cups scalded milk
- 1 cup soft bread cubes
- ¼ cup chopped pimiento
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- ¼ cup melted butter or fortified margarine
- 1 cup 7-minute macaroni
- 1½ cups grated American cheese
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- 3 beaten eggs

Pour scalded milk over soft bread cubes in bowl. Stir pimiento, onion, and melted butter into bread cubes. Cook macaroni in boiling, salted water for 7 minutes. Add grated cheese, salt, and pepper to mixture in bowl. Mix lightly. Add slightly beaten eggs. Don't overbeat them. Add the cooked, drained macaroni. Fill a greased 9x13-inch shallow baking dish. Bake in moderate oven (325°) 50 minutes.

Eagles' Nests

These are delicious and so attractive for a company luncheon—

- 6 hard-cooked eggs
- 2 tablespoons mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon vinegar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- Dash of pepper
- ¼ teaspoon paprika
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard

Halve eggs lengthwise; remove yolks. Combine with remaining ingredients; blend. Refill egg whites. Heat in **Brown Sauce:** Melt 3 tablespoons butter; add 3 tablespoons enriched flour and blend; add ½ cup milk and 1 cup consommé. Cook over low heat until thick, stirring constantly. Season with ¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce, salt, and pepper. Serve in nests of French-fried noodles.

Salmon Loaf Salad

A cool salad loaf is a nice change from winter's hot, heartier fare—

- 1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
- ½ cup cold water
- ⅓ cup lemon juice
- 1 1-pound can salmon, flaked, or 2 6½-ounce cans flaked tuna
- 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 1 cup chopped celery
- ¼ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ teaspoon salt

Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve over hot water. Add remaining ingredients. Mix lightly. Salmon or tuna should be in large flakes. Pour into oiled 8½x4½ mold; chill until firm. Unmold; garnish with egg slices, cucumber sticks, and lemon. To match loaf in picture, page 77, *double* recipe.

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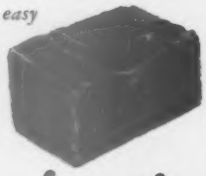

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MY-T-FINE DESSERTS...8 DELICIOUS FLAVORS

Made by the makers of Vermont Maid Syrup and Brer Rabbit Molasses.

62 ideas for your spring dinners

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Orange Candied Yams

The brown sugar, orange juice, and peel give them their wonderful flavor—

6 medium yams
½ cup boiling water
2 teaspoons salt
3 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
1 tablespoon orange juice
½ tablespoon grated orange peel
¾ cup light or dark corn syrup
¼ cup brown sugar
Orange slices

Pare and halve yams. Add boiling water and salt. Simmer in covered skillet until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain off liquid, leaving ¼ cup in skillet. Dot potatoes with butter. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over potatoes. Cook uncovered over low heat until glazed, about 15 minutes. Baste frequently; turn potatoes once. Serves 6.

Pineapple Chiffon Cake

High, feathery-light, with a creamy pineapple frosting—

2¼ cups cake flour
1½ cups sugar
1 teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ cup salad oil
5 unbeaten egg yolks
¾ cup unsweetened pineapple juice
1 cup egg whites
½ teaspoon cream of tartar

Sift dry ingredients into mixing bowl; make a well in dry ingredients. Add salad oil, egg yolks, and pineapple juice in order given. Beat until satin smooth. Combine egg whites and cream of tartar in large mixing bowl. Beat until they form *very stiff peaks* (stiffer than for meringue or angel cake). Fold egg-yolk batter gradually into egg whites. Bake in 10-inch tube pan in moderately slow oven (325°) 55 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) 10 minutes. Frost cooled cake with Pineapple-Butter-Cream Icing.

Pineapple-Butter-Cream Icing

Cream ½ cup butter or fortified margarine and 4 cups sifted confectioners' sugar. Stir in 6 tablespoons well-drained crushed pineapple and 1 to 2 tablespoons pineapple juice. Beat thoroughly. Spread on top and sides of cake. Decorate with pineapple daisies.

Tender Veal Birds

There's a moist, well-seasoned stuffing inside—

Cut 1½ pounds veal steak in 3x 5-inch pieces. Spread with Savory Stuffing. Roll; fasten with toothpicks. Wrap with bacon slice. Brown in hot fat; add small amount hot water; cover tightly and cook slowly 1½ hours. Makes 6 birds.

Savory Stuffing

3 cups toasted bread cubes
2 tablespoons minced parsley
2 tablespoons chopped onion
2 tablespoons chopped celery
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
¾ teaspoon sage
¼ cup milk
1 beaten egg
¼ cup stock

Combine bread cubes, parsley, onion, celery, and seasonings. Add milk, egg, and stock; chill 1 hour to blend flavors. Stuffing for 5 to 6 veal birds.

Pink Rhubarb Cobbler

Tender rhubarb pieces bake under a rich biscuit topping—

3 cups diced rhubarb
1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons butter
1½ cups enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
¾ cup sugar
¼ cup shortening
1 beaten egg
½ cup milk

Place rhubarb in greased 8x12-inch baking dish; sprinkle with 1 cup sugar; dot with butter. Heat in moderate oven (350°) while mixing batter. Sift remaining dry ingredients; cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; add mixed egg and milk. Pour batter over hot rhubarb. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 30 to 35 minutes.

Minted Peas

The "mint" is mint jelly—

1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) peas
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon butter
⅓ cup mint jelly

Drain peas. Cook liquid until ¼ cup remains. Add peas, seasonings, butter, and jelly. Simmer to heat through and blend flavors. Serves 4 to 6.

Grapefruit Salad Mold

For crispness there are diced apples and nuts—

1 tablespoon (1 envelope) unflavored gelatine
¼ cup cold water
½ cup hot water
½ cup sugar
Dash of salt
1 cup diced, unpared apple
1 No. 2 can (2½ cups) grapefruit, undrained
½ cup broken California walnuts

Soften gelatine in cold water; dissolve in hot water; add sugar and salt. Cool. Add apple, grapefruit, and grapefruit syrup; chill until partially set. Add nuts. Chill in oiled molds or a shallow pan. Unmold and garnish with endive or lettuce. Pass mayonnaise or salad dressing. Serves 6.

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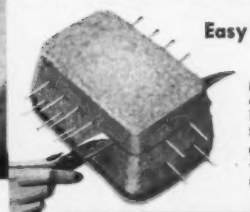

Easy way to split this Chiffon Loaf

Measure cake height. Put row of wooden picks one-third from bottom, another row one-third from top.

Cut cake into 3 even layers using wooden picks as guides. Use saw-toothed knife for cutting.

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FRESH ORANGE CHIFFON CAKE

Preheat oven to 325° (slow moderate). SIFT an ample amount of SOFTASILK CAKE FLOUR onto a square of paper.

STEP 1 . . . Measure (level measurements thru-out) and SIFT together into mixing bowl:

- **1½ cups (1 cup plus 2 tbsp.) *sifted* SOFTASILK Cake Flour (spoon lightly into cup, don't pack)**
- **⅔ cup sugar**
- **1½ tsp. baking powder**
- **½ tsp. salt**

Make a well and add in order:

- **¼ cup cooking (salad) oil, such as Wesson**
- **2 unbeaten egg yolks (medium-sized)**
- **juice of 1 medium-sized orange plus water to make ⅔ cup (¼ cup plus 2 tbsp.)**
- **grated rind of 1 orange (about 1 tbsp.)**

Beat with spoon until *smooth*.

STEP 2 . . . Measure into large mixing bowl:

- **½ cup egg whites (4 whites)**
- **¼ tsp. cream of tartar**

Whip until whites form *very stiff* peaks. DO NOT UNDERBEAT.

STEP 3 . . . Pour egg yolk mixture gradually over whipped egg whites—*gently* folding with rubber scraper *just* until blended. DO NOT STIR. POUR into *ungreased* pan immediately.

Bake in loaf pan, 9½ x 5¼ x 2¾-in. 325°—50 to 55 min. . . . or until top springs back when *lightly* touched.

Immediately turn pan upside down, resting edges of pan on 2 other pans. Let hang, free of table, until cold. Loosen from sides with spatula. Turn pan over and hit edge sharply on table to loosen.

Split cooled cake crosswise into 3 even layers. Spread Orange Filling (*recipe below*) and sweetened whipped cream* between the layers. Cover top with whipped cream. Chill in refrigerator 1 to 2 hours. Garnish with orange slices, if desired. To serve, slice in pieces about 1-in. thick. *Serves 8 to 10.*

*Use 1 cup heavy cream sweetened with ¼ cup sugar. Grated chocolate may be folded into the whipped cream.

FRESH ORANGE FILLING

Mix together in saucepan . . . { **1 cup sugar**, **½ tsp. salt**, **4 tbsp. cornstarch** }

Stir in slowly . . . **1 cup orange juice (including pulp)**

Cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens and boils. Boil 1 minute. Remove from heat.

Blend in . . . . . { **1 to 2 tbsp. grated orange rind**, **1½ tbsp. lemon juice**, **2 tbsp. butter** }

Cool

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The Pillsbury $100,000 Grand National Contest has again turned up hundreds of wonderful new things to eat made with Pillsbury's Best, "*The Grand National Flour.*" Among them is the Orange Kiss-Me Cake.

You start out with a single orange, using the inside and the rind, ground up with raisins and walnuts, and blended with other good things. When you end up, you put the juice of that same orange on top of the cake, with sugar and chopped nuts. No frosting needed. This cake stays moist for days. It calls for Pillsbury's Best, of course. In fact, *perfect results cannot be guaranteed with any other flour.*

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Adapted for your use by Ann Pillsbury
BAKE at 350° F. for 40 to 50 minutes.
MAKES 12x8x2 or 13x9x2-inch cake.
All ingredients should be at room temperature.

Grind together. 1 large **orange**, pulp and rind (reserve juice for topping)
1 cup **raisins**
½ cup **walnuts**
Sift together.. 2 cups sifted **Pillsbury's Best Enriched Flour***
1 teaspoon **soda**
1 teaspoon **salt**
1 cup **sugar**
Add..... ½ cup **shortening**
¾ cup **milk**
Beat..... for 2 minutes, 300 strokes, until batter is well blended. (With electric mixer, blend at low speed, then beat at medium speed for 2 minutes.)
Add..... 2 **eggs**, unbeaten
¼ cup **milk**
Beat..... for 2 minutes.
Fold..... orange-raisin mixture into batter.
Pour..... into well-greased and lightly floured 12x8x2 or 13x9x2-inch pan.
Bake..... in moderate oven (350° F.) 40 to 50 minutes.
Drip..... ½ cup **orange juice** over warm cake.
Combine.... ½ cup **sugar**
1 teaspoon **cinnamon**
¼ cup chopped **walnuts**; sprinkle over cake. Decorate with orange slices.

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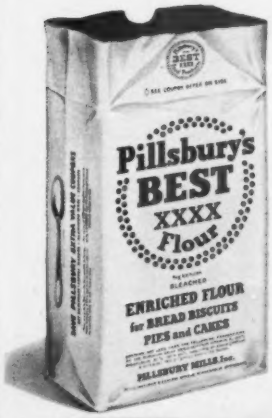

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These are honeys

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Glazed Carrots. Each whole carrot gets a glistening honey-butter coat. Cook carrots in boiling water till tender. Drain. Let stand a few minutes to dry. Melt 4 tablespoons butter in skillet. Blend in ¼ cup honey. Add the carrots. Cook slowly, turning occasionally, till glazed

Toasted Coconut Sticks are so pretty, so good to eat you'd never guess they started with leftovers. You spread narrow strips of cake with butter and honey and roll in shredded coconut. Then bake till coconut is delicately browned. Perfect for a tea party or for dessert

Toasted Coconut Sticks

Slice pound cake in 3x1x1-inch strips. Spread three sides with mixture of 2 parts honey to 1 part soft butter. Roll in coconut and place on greased cooky sheet. Toast a delicate brown in moderately hot oven (375°) about 7 minutes. Serve hot with coffee or tea.

Honey Butter

Cream ¼ cup butter. Gradually add ¼ to ½ cup honey. Beat well after each addition. Serve with hot biscuits, rolls, toast.

Honey Fruit Dressing

⅔ cup sugar
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1 teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon celery seed
⅓ cup strained honey
5 tablespoons vinegar
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 teaspoon grated onion
1 cup salad oil

Mix dry ingredients; add honey, vinegar, lemon juice, and onion. Pour oil into mixture very slowly, beating constantly with rotary or electric beater. Makes 2 cups. Serve with fruit salad.

recipe

Fruit Snowballs...*with piquant sauce of gay, rich*

Canned Fruit Cocktail from California

1 No. 2½ can fruit cocktail
½ recipe basic 2-egg cake
Confectioners' sugar
¼ cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
Few grains salt
3 tablespoons lemon juice

Drain fruit cocktail, saving syrup. Prepare cake batter and stir in ⅔ cup drained fruit cocktail. Fill greased custard cups ⅔ full. Cover each with waxed paper and secure with rubber band. Set in pan of hot water and bake in moderately hot oven (375° F.) about 35 minutes. Remove from cups, sprinkle with confectioners' sugar. Serve warm with sauce.

Sauce: Measure 1 cup syrup from fruit cocktail and heat. Stir in blended sugar, cornstarch and salt. Cook and stir until thickened. Add lemon juice and remaining fruit cocktail. Serve over warm snowballs. Serves 6.

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TOMATO ROSE SALAD

Peel and chill firm tomatoes. Slightly soften Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese with milk. Form 2 rows of petals on each tomato by pressing level teaspoons of the cheese against the side of the tomato, drawing the teaspoon down with a curving motion. Sprinkle center of each "rose" with hard-cooked egg yolk pressed through a strainer. Serve on greens with *Miracle* or *Kraft* French Dressing.

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Shredded coconut comes two ways. You can buy dry, packaged coconut—this kind you may use in puddings, pie fillings, and custards. Moist, canned shredded coconut gives a fine flavor and a pretty finish to frostings, meringues, and other delicious dessert toppings.

Glamour Coconut Frosting. Drift snowy coconut shreds over your favorite cake frosting before the frosting sets. For a festive touch, try tinting the shredded coconut a delicate color. Or toast it or coat it lightly with chocolate. We give you the picture directions on page 131

Peach Delight is fancy enough for a party. But it's fast. Whip ½ cup heavy cream. Stir in ½ cup shredded coconut, 1 tablespoon sugar, and ⅛ teaspoon almond flavoring. Put big spoonfuls over canned peach halves. Sprinkle extra shredded coconut over the top

Coconut Waffles topped with ice cream and chocolate syrup make a super dessert. With butter and golden syrup, they're a breakfast treat. Just sprinkle the shredded coconut lightly over the batter in the waffle baker before closing up

Tinted coconut. Add few drops food coloring to 1 tablespoon water to make the color you want. Fill a pint jar half full of shredded coconut. Sprinkle with colored water. Cover and shake the jar till coconut is evenly tinted. Spread coconut on paper toweling to dry

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Marshmallow Dreams make a hit with the small fry. Cut marshmallows in half. Dip cut side in shredded coconut. Put halves, coconut up, on salted crackers. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 10 minutes

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Swell Sandwiches... *with a* built-in Salad!

THEY *look* like French pastries, but *actually* they're hearty luncheon sandwiches. And *easily* made.

For each sandwich loaf, trim the crusts from two pieces of thin-sliced bread. Cut each slice in half.

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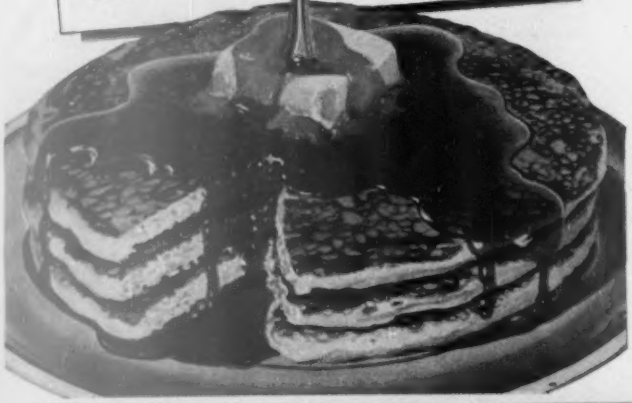


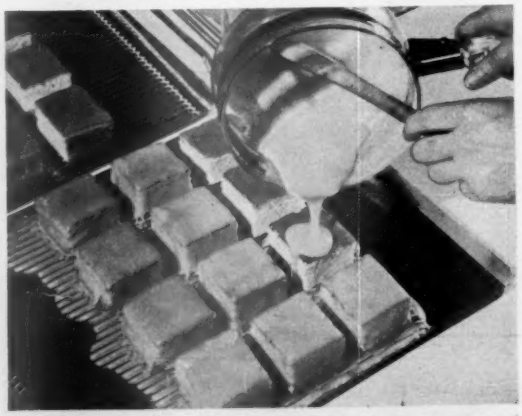
frankly fancy

How to make Petits Fours

By Testing-Test Kitchen Staff

Pronounce them "pe-tee-foor." Serve them at your fanciest parties. Here's how easy they are to do:

Buy or bake a 1-layer cake 1 inch thick. Mark squares with toothpicks. (Cake in the photograph is an 8x12-inch cake, so divides evenly into 24 squares.) Or cut the cake into fancy shapes with cooky cutters



Line cakes up in rows on cake rack. Allow plenty of space between squares. And put a cooky sheet or sheet of waxed paper under rack to catch the drip. Pour frosting over a row of cakes as shown. Pour so cake is completely coated with the glaze. Let stand till frosting is firm

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"Mamma, You're a Marvel"... *that's what your family will exclaim when they taste your own homemade*

Hot Cross Buns

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Ann Pillsbury's HOT CROSS BUNS

BAKE at 400° F. for 15 to 20 minutes.
MAKES 16 buns.

Combine... **Pillsbury Hot Roll Mix**
½ cup **raisins or currants**
3 tablespoons chopped **citron**
2 tablespoons **sugar**
½ teaspoon **cinnamon.**

Dissolve... **yeast** in
1 cup **water** as directed on Pillsbury Hot Roll Mix package.

Add..... Hot Roll Mix mixture immediately. Blend well. Grease top; cover.

Let rise.... in warm place (85° to 90° F.) until double in bulk, 30 to 60 minutes.

Shape..... dough into 16 buns; place on greased baking sheet and cover.

Let rise.... in warm place until light. (If desired, combine 1 **egg white** and 2 tablespoons cold **water** and brush over tops of buns.)

Cut..... a cross in top of each bun with scissors.

Bake..... in moderately hot oven (400° F.) 15 to 20 minutes.

Combine... 2 teaspoons **milk**
½ cup sifted **confectioners' sugar** and
½ teaspoon **vanilla.** Drip over hot buns, filling crosses.

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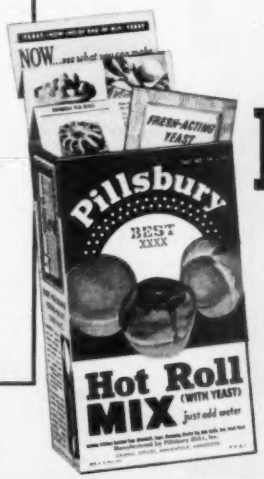

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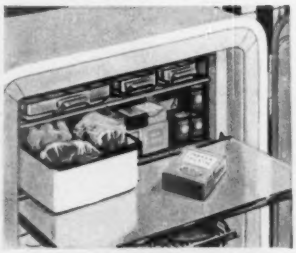

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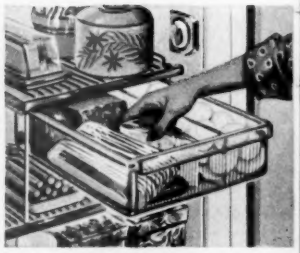

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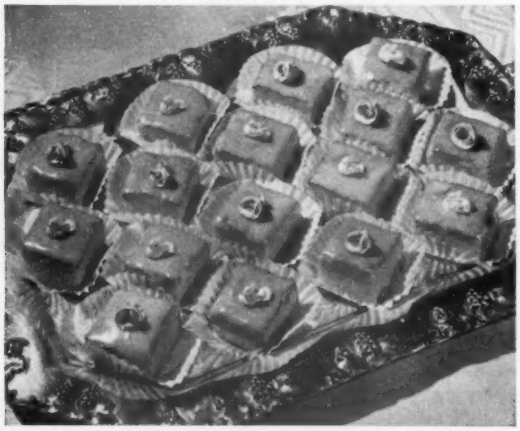
Decorate cakes with candy decorations or nuts. You can buy the decorations or, if you're handy with a pastry tube, you can make your own



Place decorated cakes in cupcake liners or on small doilies. Arrange them on your prettiest tray. They're so shiny, so perfectly glazed, they look like candies. Serve with afternoon tea, coffee, or with dessert

What to measure and mix for Petits Fours

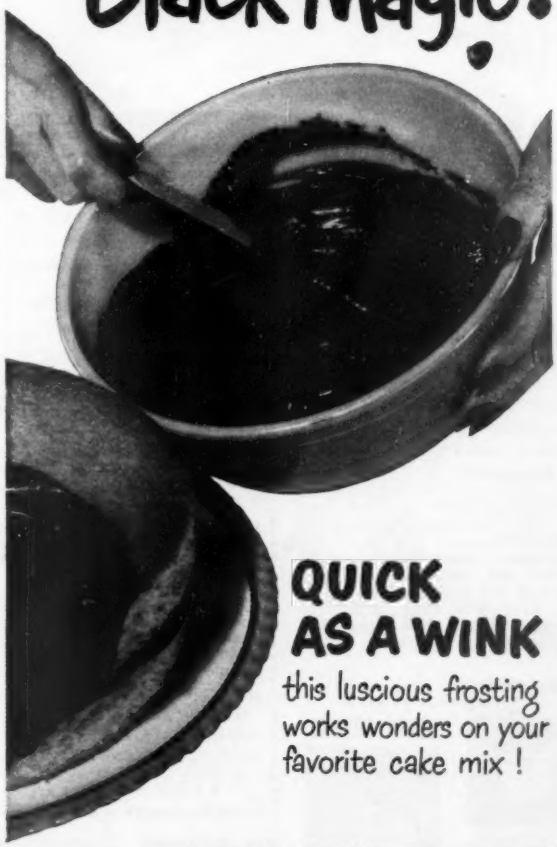
¼ cup butter or fortified margarine
¼ cup shortening
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon vanilla
¼ teaspoon almond extract
2 cups cake flour
¼ teaspoon salt
3 teaspoons baking powder
¾ cup milk
¾ cup egg whites
¼ cup sugar

Thoroughly cream butter, shortening, 1 cup sugar, and flavoring. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk; stir smooth after each addition. Beat egg whites to stiff froth; gradually add remaining ¼ cup sugar and continue beating until mixture forms peaks that bend slightly. Fold into batter. Bake in waxed-paper-lined 8x12-inch pan in moderate oven (350°) 40 minutes. Cut in squares, ovals, triangles, or any other desired shapes. Frost with Petits Fours Frosting.

Petits Fours Frosting

Cook 2 cups granulated sugar, ⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar, and 1 cup hot water to thin syrup. Candy thermometer will read about 226°. Cool to lukewarm (110°). Add ½ teaspoon vanilla. Add sifted confectioners' sugar till frosting is of consistency to pour. It will take about 1½ cups. This amount of frosting frosts about 10 Petits Fours. You can tint it any desired color with food coloring.

Black Magic!



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1 teaspoon **salt**

Combine in measuring cup . . .
½ cup **Mazola** and
¼ cup plus 1 tablespoon **ice water.**
Beat with fork until creamy. Immediately pour all at once over flour mixture. Toss and mix with fork. Form into ball.

Divide . . . dough in half; shape each with hands into smooth, flat round. Roll between two 11-inch squares of wax paper to outer edges.

Remove . . . top sheet, invert dough over pan; peel off other sheet. Fit pastry into pan. Roll top crust. Cut gashes for escape of steam.

Fill . . . pastry-lined pan with desired filling. Place top crust over filling and trim ½ inch beyond rim. Fold top crust under bottom crust. Flute edge.

Bake . . . at temperature required for filling used.

FOR ONE PASTRY SHELL: Make ½ recipe as directed above. Prick entire crust with fork. Bake in hot oven (475° F.) 10 to 12 minutes.

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1 Blend MAZOLA Oil and ice water in measuring cup until thick and creamy.

2 Pour over entire surface of flour mixture! Form dough into ball—divide in half.

3 Roll to outer edge between two 11-in. squares of wax paper. Remove top paper.

4 Invert pastry over pie pan—peel off bottom paper. Fit the pastry into pan.

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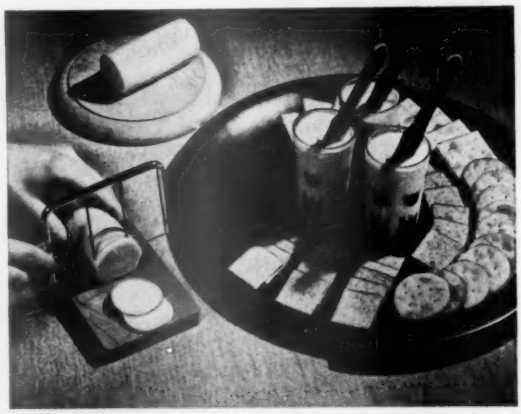
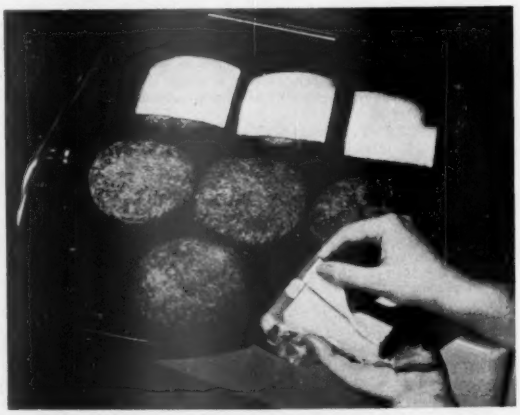


Snack Tray. Crackers and cheese make easy snacks. And they're fun to serve because they're casual. Place glasses of assorted cheese spreads in center. Ring with crisp crackers and smoked-cheese slices



Cheeseburgers. Golden cheese melted over juicy hamburgers—just watch the youngsters go for these. And they're easy to make in the broiler. Top each broiled hamburger with a slice of processed cheese. Run back under the heat just long enough to melt the cheese slices

Tossed Green Salad. Narrow strips of sharp cheese give extra zip to the salad bowl. Break lettuce and endive into pieces in bowl. Top with cheese, tomato wedges. Toss salad with a vinegar and oil dressing

Fluffy Cheese Dip. Its snappy flavor makes a hit when snackers gather 'round. And it's speedy. Thin one 6-ounce package chive cheese with 3 tablespoons milk. Put out crackers, potato chips

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Blue-cheese Topper. A tender steak is wonderful eating. With butter and Blue cheese, it goes gourmet. Spread a mixture of 2 parts soft butter to 1 part Blue cheese generously over a sizzling hot steak

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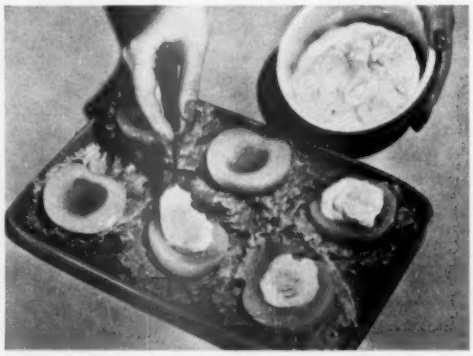
Toasty Cheese Buns. These crusty, snappy-flavored buns take the place of a hot bread in a meal. They start with buns from the bakery. Cut buns in half; toast. Spread with soft butter and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Slip back under broiler a minute to melt cheese



Orange-Cheese Dressing. A little sweet, a little tangy—perfect for a fruit salad. Blend together one 3-ounce package cream cheese, 3 tablespoons orange juice, 2 teaspoons sugar, and ½ teaspoon grated orange peel. Spoon a fluff of fruit dressing over each salad

Quick Cheese Rye-bit. Here's a dish that's worthy of company, yet simple to make. Add 2 cups grated sharp cheese to one 10½- or 11-ounce can condensed mushroom soup in chafing dish or double boiler. Heat till cheese melts. Stir occasionally. Add ¼ cup chopped ripe olives, ¼ cup chopped green pepper. Serve over rye bread or toast

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Jiffy treats with cheese

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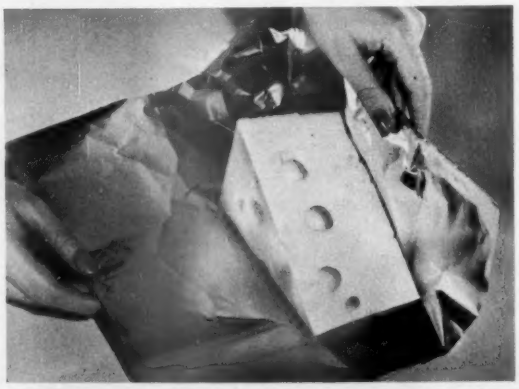
Garden Cottage-cheese Bowl. Chopped vegetables add crispness and color. Combine 1½ cups cottage cheese, ½ cup shredded carrots, 2 tablespoons finely chopped green pepper, 1 finely chopped green onion, 2 tablespoons mayonnaise, salt and pepper. And salad's ready

To keep loaf cheese from drying out, cut a slice through wrapper at end of cheese. When you've finished cutting the cheese you want, put end slice back against the loaf. Store cheese in the refrigerator



Keep a wedge of cheese fresh by wrapping it in a strip of aluminum foil. Fold the foil tightly enough on all sides to keep the air out

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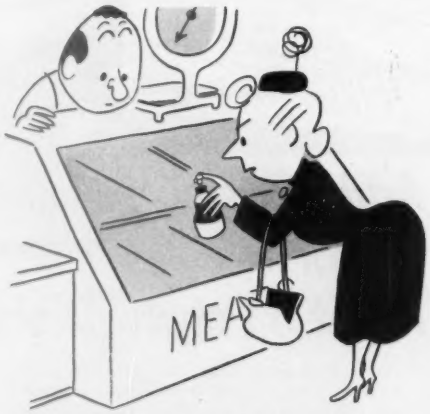

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2 **"Y'er out!"** Billy makes a sprint for it, but the umpire calls him out. It doesn't look that way, though, from where Mr. Watson is standing. It looks to him as though Bill's team has been getting a bum break on the umpire's decisions all afternoon.

this family?

Prepared in cooperation with the Family Service Association of America

3 **"Hey, you, leave him alone."** Bill and the umpire are having a real rhubarb, and the umpire, a bigger kid, is pushing Billy around. That's too much for Bill's dad. He can't stand by and see Bill get a raw deal like that, specially when he seems to be right.

Photographs: Leavens

4 **Mr. Watson doesn't seem to have convinced anybody.** He and Bill are headed home, somewhat dejected. "What's the matter with you? Why didn't you hit him back?" asks Bill's dad. Bill's disgusted: "What did you expect me to do, fight the whole team?"

What's wrong with this family?
See page 281 for the answer.

Hey Mom! The gang's coming over to cram for exam!

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Stir lightly . . . just until flour is moistened. A wire whisk is better than a spoon. Overstirring makes a less-tender pancake, so be sure to leave batter lumpy. Small lumps come out in baking

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For beautiful, golden-brown pancakes, season griddle with salt like this: Tie salt in a piece of cloth; rub vigorously over heated griddle. Or sprinkle salt directly on griddle; rub it in with paper toweling. Use plenty. Then rub off. Repeat the salt rub after each batch. Or you can grease griddle lightly each time

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Perfect pancakes with a mix

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Be sure griddle is correct temperature. Test griddle this way: Sprinkle a few drops of water on it. If water dances, griddle is ready. A griddle meter eliminates guesswork. Heat griddle slowly over medium heat. When it's hot enough, the meter will read 400° to 425°

Dip batter with a ¼-cup measure; pour onto griddle. Cakes will all be same size. If the batter is spooned on, the first spoonful will start to bake before the second can be added. Note lumps in batter

Pancakes are ready to turn when edges look cooked and top of pancake is covered with tiny bubbles. Turn *once* and bake on other side. Don't spank cake down on griddle. Now you can see the light, tender, even, golden-brown cakes you get when you use the tricks in the pictures. It will take you about 3 minutes to bake a perfect pancake

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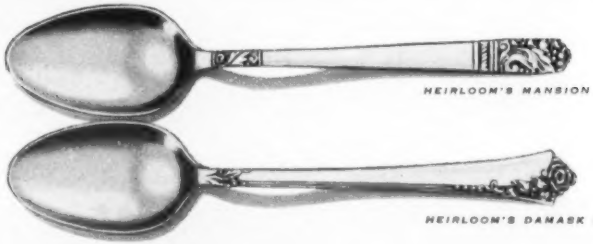

HEIRLOOM'S MANSION HOUSE*

HEIRLOOM'S DAMASK ROSE*

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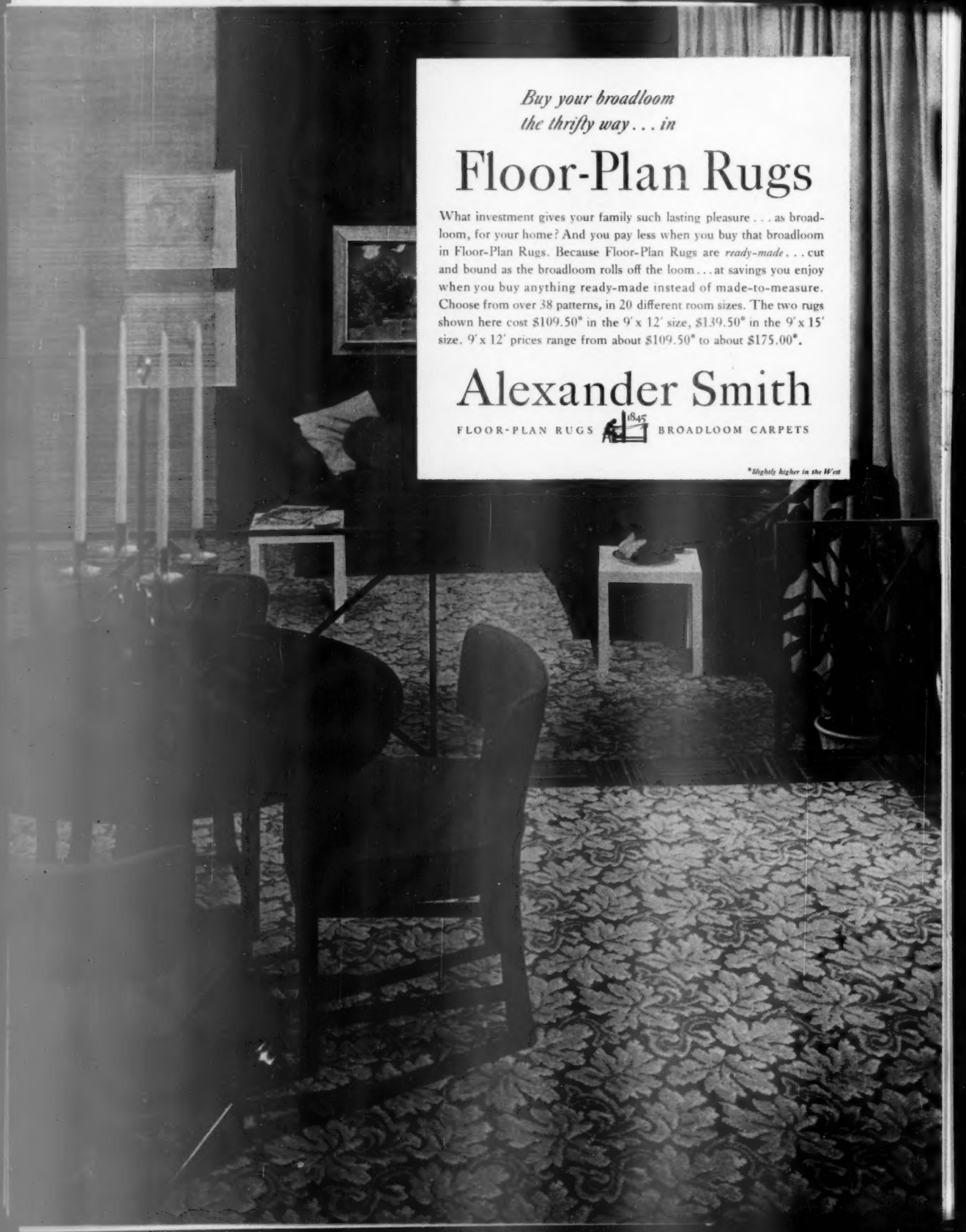

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Alexander Smith

FLOOR-PLAN RUGS 1845 BROADLOOM CARPETS

*Slightly higher in the West

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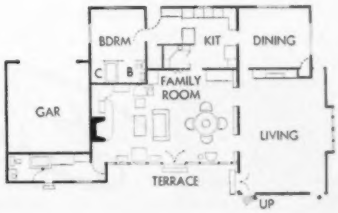
Homey quality of the room comes from rough-brick fireplace, red Provincial paper above plate rail, unbleached muslin draperies topped with red-and-green Provincial print valance, and multicolor chenille rugs. There's a television set concealed behind doors of wood box at right of fireplace. Webbs found this a way to use fireside furniture arrangement as television seating

What a family room can mean to you

By Martha Stevens



Circular Lazy Susan dining table with captain's chairs is close to the kitchen. It's a favorite spot for doing homework. The entire wall is lined with bookshelves, and there are cabinets below for storing games. Interior decoration is by George Hall

Here's how one family got its family room. The Herbert C. Webbs, Beverly Hills, California, decided to enclose and make part of their home the terrace area between their two-story house and garage. It was an ambitious project, but the Webbs saw it as an investment in good living. How well it has paid off for the Webbs and their two children may help you decide whether such a room is worthwhile in your own case.

The Webbs have found that:

1) The family room is a practical solution to the problem of finding a place for their teen-age daughter to entertain.

2) The room makes evenings at home a new pleasure by drawing all the family together.

3) The Webbs can enjoy a bridge foursome, or fill the room with tables for larger groups. And it's easy to serve buffet style from the snack bar.

Those are three good reasons why you, too, may find such a room a worthwhile investment for your family.

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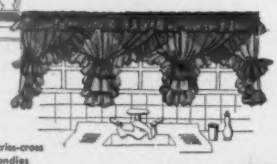

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We lived in Shangri-La on $75 a month!

By Jay Vincent O'Ryan

The plumbing was a little primitive, but we settled for peace of mind

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Our home was part of a great mansion; our bedroom was as large as a small cottage, cool and dark, with a heavily beamed ceiling. A gracefully colonnaded porch opened on a courtyard full of flowers, with trees whose branches were hardly able to carry their burden of luscious fruit.

Our existence was unhurried, unworried. Delightful idleness indeed, especially for my wife, Jody, whose only concern was the delegation of work to our two servants, a mother and daughter.

These two faithfuls did everything and did it well, for the combined monthly wage of $6, and had never heard of "maids' day off" until we forced it on them.

With the abundance of pork chops and roasts, sirloin tip and filet mignon, venison steak, and fresh fruits and vegetables, we had to watch our waistlines. The meats cost an

Photographs: O'Ryan—Burgess, Western Ways

"Shangri-La"—isolated but accessible, forgotten by Father Time

average of 16 cents the pound, any cut; and fowl, the entire fat bird, mind you, could be bought for some 40 cents. Nosey, our cocker spaniel, was flabbergasted by his sudden windfall of raw meat, juicy bones, and milk. The latter cost 8 cents a quart. Eggs cost 20 cents a dozen, bread 3 cents a loaf, coffee and fresh country butter 25 cents a pound.

On the help's day off and with my spouse too worn out from strenuous dozing on our sun-drenched patio to fix a bite to eat, we would amble over to our favorite restaurant, El Chino's. Here our host would serve a savory soup, chicken or steak with all the trimmings, potent black coffee, and dessert. The tab, 35 cents per person. A tip of 5 cents for the waitress would evoke countless thanks; 10 cents would leave her speechless.

The superb winter climate made house-heating an unknown practice. If some special occasion demanded a new dress, my mate would simply buy a few yards of material and go into a huddle with her favorite modiste, Chayo Acosta, a veritable demon with a treadle sewing machine and knitting needles, who could whip out an original or an exact replica of some favorite Adele Simpson or Claire McCardell in less than a day. And for less than $2 per number! A knit-to-order outfit, Chayo would produce in no time flat for some $5, a cardigan or sweater for $1.50. Not wanting to be outdone, I had myself an elegant, excellent-fitting gabardine suit hand-tailored by the local "master" tailor. He staggered me with his $12 fee.

To top it all off, the people were so truly from-the-heart gracious and hospitable that I doubt if the word "no" ever appeared in their vocabulary.

We went to this Shangri-La quite by accident. We're still having to assure ourselves it was all true. But true it was, since we lived there six months and intend to go back as soon as possible.

It was after our family doctor had whispered in Jody's ear about my war-injured back that she announced that we were going to: (a) rent our home; (b) pack our duds, dog, and ourselves in the car; (c) get away from it all for an indefinite period. All this to blow and bake the jitters and pains out of my mind and body in those wide, open spaces. And knowing Jody and old Doc Murphy, that was that! I had been inducted into a new army, that of the retired, or, I hoped, the semiretired.

It was on a very hot Arizona day that Lady Luck took a hand in our pleasurable, but never- [*Turn to next page*

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We lived in Shangri-La on $75 a month

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theless aimless, wanderings. We had both begun to miss puttering among our prized azaleas, the familiar nooks in our old house, our favorite home-cooked dishes, and I, my comfortable, tobacco-drenched den.

The great idea suddenly dawned on me in Tucson. Driving past Davis Monthan Air Base brought memories flooding back. I suddenly remembered adventuring, desert-ratting Tim Casey, one of my favorite comrades during the war. Tim and his fanciful stories of the desert—prospecting trips, digging for ore, lost cities. During one of these bull sessions, he had told me of a fantastic, isolated, yet very accessible place in the Mexican Sierras, a forgotten little town he intended someday to return to and "do absolutely nothing."

As I recalled from his enthusiastic description—one I found later to be 100 percent correct—it was an ancient mining town, founded in the Sixteenth Century. The mining had petered out, but this semi-ghost town had once been powerful and wealthy, with more than 25,000 souls. Now it counted a bare 3,000. Its once-great mansions were half in ruins, but it was still an architectural gem. And living there, according to Tim, was so pleasant, comfortable, and *cheap* that anybody could afford it on a small income.

That night I told Jody about it. By the gleam in her eyes, I could see she was making up *our* minds. What was there to lose but time—and we had an oversupply of that. In our minds, there began to build up the hope and the hunch that this might be IT, the spot we had been searching for.

We decided to get to IT as fast as possible. Early the next morning, we headed due south for Nogales, where the courteous Mexican consul issued us 6-month visitors' permits. We checked through the Mexican customs, hit the excellent highway to Sonora's streamlined capital, Hermosillo, 170 miles south, and Guaymas, 85 miles beyond, famed for its deep-sea fishing. We left Guaymas on a rough, but passable road—since paved—and came to Yaqui River after 80 dusty miles, crossed it on a ferry, and drove through the amazing desert boom town of Ciudad Obregon, central point of the great Yaqui Desert. Parts of this desert, with vast wheat fields, have been transformed into Mexico's breadbasket. Forty-five more miles and we were in Navojoa, jumping-off point for our destination, 35 miles away in the purplish hills. All these towns, on the main highway and railroad, and all with good hotels, we now left behind us.

Slowly we started climbing, drove through the half-in-ruin village of Minas Nuevas where John Hays Hammond mined silver in 1882 and where now the beloved *patrona* is the well-known Dona Clara Yaeger. For over 30 years, this remarkable American has lived near the now-silent mine, once operated by her husband, in her great and comfortable "United States equipped" *casa*. Here she brought up and educated her four children, and here she intends to stay, not wanting to trade her life for all the comforts north of the border.

Western Ways

Here's architectural beauty undimmed by four centuries of history

Six more miles, then we crunched over a dry, sandy river bed and onto the cobblestone streets of a town so utterly different from those we had seen that we felt we had landed in a quaint corner of Old Spain. Here IT was, the small *pueblo* with the big name: EL REAL DE NUESTRA SENORA DE LA PURISIMA CONCEPCION DE LOS ALAMOS, now just plain Alamos.

Past one handsome plaza, shaded by enormous wild fig trees, all the while escorted by a reception committee of shrieking *chamacos* (urchins), we jogged toward another plaza and came to a stop in front of an imposing two-story mansion, the Hotel Alamos. A courteous caballero, Don José Enriquez Aguilar, and his comely, English-speaking daughter Rafaelita led us to our room on the second floor. Two *mozos* (servants) lugged the baggage up, drove the car into the regal patio, and we were left (feeling dirty, tired, and forlorn) in our suite. It contained a double bed, washstand with bowl and pitcher, two chairs, and a chifforobe dimly revealed by a 15-watt lamp. And also, gleaming in a far corner, a *pot de chambre*. All this was enclosed by 4-foot-thick walls with heavily grilled windows. By careful measurement, the room was 35 feet one way, 20 the other, and topped off by a 16-foot ceiling.

We pulled our dusty clothes off, our bathrobes on, and, rather gingerly started a tour of investigation of the plumbing facilities. Half a block from our baronial chambers, we located an enormous Chick Sale, without doubt the only one in any hemisphere so loftily perched. We were informed we would find the bathroom downstairs. Suspecting nothing, we descended the handsome, winding stone stairs in our flowing robes. To our consternation, and certainly to that of some 500 assorted Alamenses, we landed in the midst of this throng of eager natives, streaming into the vast patio to attend an open-air movie. They regarded us as doubly odd when both Jody and I beat it hastily into the *cuarto de bano* (bathroom) with fixtures that were simplicity itself. A 50-gallon drum sat on a scaffold; the nonadjustable shower head as large as the wheel discs on our car, nearly washed us out of the house.

When we emerged, the entire audience disregarded the 20-year-old Andy Devine talkie, with Spanish subtitles. Five hundred heads turned in unison; 500 pairs of eyes fastened on our toga-ed figures and did not let go until we had reached a bend in the stairs.

We enjoyed Don José's hospitality for a week. We increased our room furnishings by the simple expedient of renting more chairs, tables, and such from our now great *amigo*—at from 2 to 3 cents per item. Our palatial quarters cost us the staggering rate of 50 cents a day for two! [*Turn to page 126*

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Shangri-La

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Haunting tunes for a few centavos

Leisurely we investigated Alamos. Walking the streets of this ancient town, which had been forgotten by Father Time and which in turn had somewhat disdainfully returned the favor, was like strolling arm-in-arm with romance and history. On bars of silver laid on this very street from that imposing casa yonder to the Cathedral, a beauteous, young bride had once picked her way to early Mass. Her aged, adoring husband, the fabulous Don José Maria Almada, who had fathered no less than 43 children by two previous wives, could not bear to see her soil her feet in the muddy rain water. So he simply ordered his servants to lay out silver on top of the muck.

Such grandiose gestures came naturally to this forgotten town, once so rich with seemingly inexhaustible mines that it became the seat for a Bishop, had its own mint, and was even once the capital of what is now our own Arizona. It was one of the main stations on the *Camino Real* (King's Highway) from Mexico City to San Francisco, and it played an important part in the founding of the city at the Golden Gate. It was in 1775 that Capitan Don Bautista de Anza made his memorable overland trek from Sonora, via Tucson, with some 177 members in his party. Forty-nine were from Alamos.

In the José Maria Almada mansion, a large number of silver coins were unearthed in subterranean passages by a poor merchant who had rented it. On numerous occasions in Mexico's turbulent past, wealthy, politically involved families often had to make hasty exits to save their heads. Jewelry was easily concealed on the person, but hard and heavy money had to be left behind and buried.

This is the story, generally believed founded on fact, about the once great Promontorios Mine, which originally belonged to the Jesuit Order. When Charles III of Spain ordered their expulsion in 1767, the fathers, it is said, closed off the best stopes and drifts, hid surface openings, hoping that the time might arrive for repossession of their mine. Various parties have been interested in this fascinating property and solely, it is believed, because of the bullion and coin the padres are said to have left behind.

The more we saw of Alamos and met its gracious inhabitants, the more we wanted to stay, but in a place of our own. We found several vacant houses which could be rented, unfurnished, or even bought, at ridiculously low prices. The furniture formed a problem, and we were advised by all means to consult that *muy, muy fina y bella profesora de ingles* (very high-class and beautiful teacher of English). We located her home on the Calle Obregon, a block-long, one-story casa, entirely enclosed by walls 20 feet high.

In this, her ancestral home, we met the Senorita Rafaela Adriana Marcor, her aged maid and erstwhile nurse Pancha, her half-dozen startling-looking *gatos* (cats), and Dicky, her canary. These were the sole occupants of what we consider the handsomest house in Alamos, an establishment made up of about 20 tremendous rooms, lovely patios and arched porches, servants' quarters, and private stables. A home mellowed by age, exuding serenity and the mystery of great memories. Miss "Bebe" Marcor was a charming and beauteous personage, the Spanish aristocrat in the best sense of the word.

We persuaded her to rent us a small unfurnished part of her house. Next we scoured the town for furniture and ended up by renting a weird collection from various families, who hauled out forgotten pieces from dark recesses of their huge, old homes.

My practical spouse was in an enchanted heaven of her own, giving rein to her suppressed talents as a decorator as repairs, scrubbing, and paint brightened the ancient furniture. She astonished me particularly with a big, dilapidated screened bird cage. My astonishment grew, as did my admiration for my senora, when I returned one afternoon to see on our big porch the renovated cage swaying in the cool breeze and packed with ham, cheese, and other groceries. It had been turned into our insect-free food locker, the approved manner of refrigeration in Alamos.

Next, we acquired Josefa Garcia and her 12-year-old, doe-shy daughter, Concepcion. Josefa was a remarkable Indian woman, who carried her 200 pounds plus with great natural grace.

Cheerfully she would sweep the acres of brick floors, do the marketing and inevitable bargaining, the cooking, ironing, laundering. In addition, while smoking my cigarettes and giving me a vivid description of the trials and tribulations of the Mexican peon, she would give me daily massages, in

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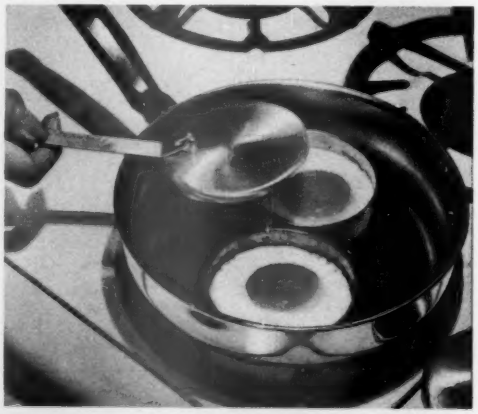
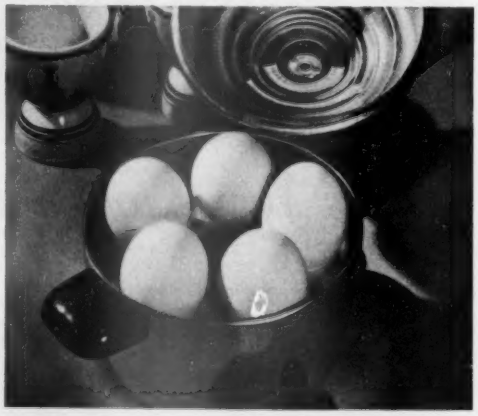
These cook eggs

And eggs fried, poached, or shell-cooked to perfection make breakfast a *good* breakfast. They can even be the secret of getting folks to eat a *big* breakfast. There are many new cookers on the market to do a good job for you: special rings to keep fried or poached eggs *round;* poachers to make eggs *square;* a bacon-and-egg cooker that keeps the bacon hot while the eggs cook; and special soufflé pans.



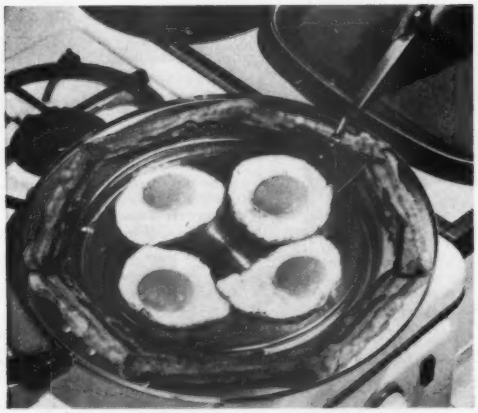
For perfectly round fried eggs, set these rings in your skillet. Slip in the eggs and cover them if you want firm yolks. To make basted eggs, add a teaspoon of milk or water before you put on the cover. To poach eggs in the rings, pour ¼ inch of hot water into the skillet



Shell-cooked eggs steam just the way you like them in this automatic cooker. Measure water in the grooved cover for soft-, medium-, or hard-cooked eggs Prick the large end of each egg with the pricker centered inside the cover. This punctures the air pocket, so egg won't crack during cooking. When water's gone, cooker clicks off

to perfection

By Tasting-Test Kitchen Staff



Bacon and eggs, *both* piping hot, go on the platter and then to you. Fry the bacon first, using cover plate to speed cooking and to prevent hot grease from spattering on you. Then slide bacon over to the edge. It stays hot while you fry eggs sunny-side-up or once over easy. Baste eggs, if you like, with drippings from the ring-drain

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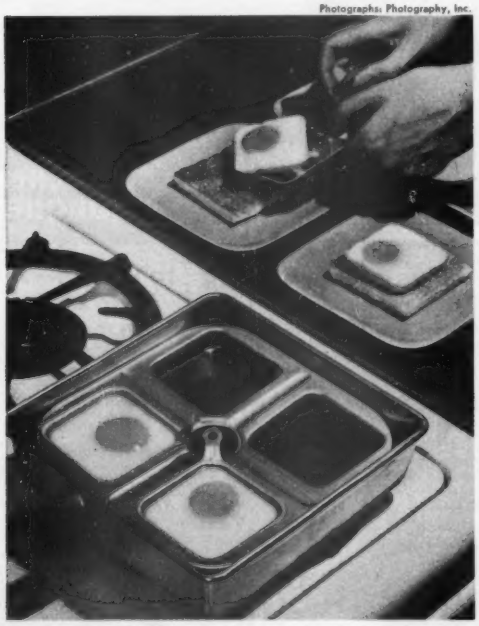

Square poached eggs fit the toast. The flat-bottomed poacher does a speedy cooking job. Water line inside shows you how far to fill the pan. Could use it to warm baby food, a different kind in each cup

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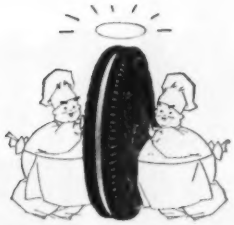

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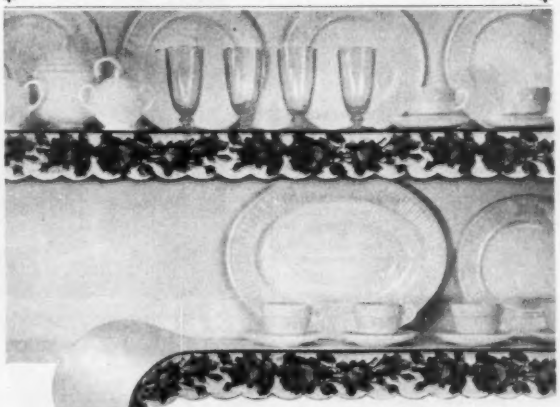

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These cook eggs to perfection

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One motion lifts all six eggs out of the hot water and drains them. No fishing with a spoon. Cooking them in this position centers the yolks. You'll like the way the eggs look for garnishes and for stuffed eggs. Try using this aluminum rack, too, when you color Easter eggs

Souffle bakes golden brown and puffy in special pan that works like a double boiler. Put water in lower part, souffle or custard in top. Sloping sides of the top pan make souffle easy to serve at the table

Candlelight

By candlelight the world grows calm and good
A fitting place for peace; and simple food
Is festive, as the tapers' mellow glow
Shines down upon the dearest things I know . . .

The silver shimmer of pale damask's gleam
Tall goblets catching sparkle from each beam
Of flickering flame, the breathless hush of night,
And you across from me in candlelight.

Humbly I bow in thanks at eventide
For things like these; Who could ask more beside
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Minute trims with coconut

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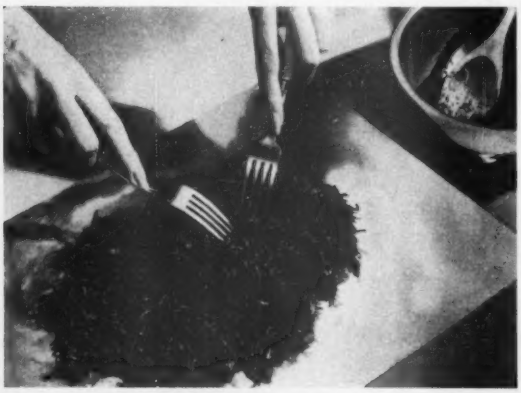
Three-decker Tea Sandwiches are a conversation starter. Spread bread with butter, then jelly. Put three slices together. Cut off crusts. Cut crosswise and lengthwise twice to make nine squares. Spread all sides with softened cream cheese. Roll sandwi hes in toasted coconut

Toasted coconut. Spread shredded coconut out in a shallow pan. Toast in a moderate oven (350°) until lightly browned, about 6 minutes. Stir the coconut frequently



Chocolate-coated coconut. Heat 4 ounces sweet or semisweet chocolate over boiling water till partly melted. Remove from water. Stir in 1½ cups toasted coconut. Spread on cooky sheet. Separate shreds with a fork. Chill in refrigerator till chocolate is set. Store in covered container. You're ready to dress up frostings, ice cream, or puddings

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Cabinet space at your finger tips

Not enough space for everything in your kitchen? Take another look and see how much good you're getting out of the space you *do* have. Are cabinets and drawers equipped to do the job they could be doing? Are walls working above your range and refrigerator? Are you using corner space? You may find that you have cabinet space at your finger tips if you'll only put it to work.

By Doris Adams

For pots and pans

File lids for saucepans or skillets in 3-section drawer next to your range. Linoleum lining in bottom of drawer prevents marring, cuts down on the noise. You could also file cake pans, piepans, or skillets up to 9 inches across

Hang pots and pans in a tall cabinet by your range. Hooks are fastened in movable panels, which can be spaced up and down to fit the size of your pans. Lids, pie- and cake pans, cooky sheets or serving trays can be filed in the deep, divided space in the bottom part of the cabinet

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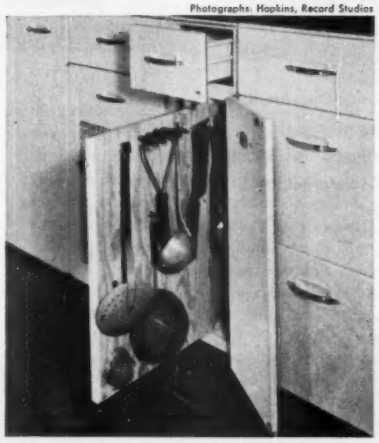
Place mixing bowls, small pots and pans in easy-sliding drawers. No bending down to peer into the back of a low shelf. The drawer slides out so you can see what you want. High backs on drawers keep pans from sliding off



Hang sieves, dipper, potato masher in a narrow cabinet. Good for trays and cooky sheets, too. Or remove partition and make a 2-shelf unit for canned goods

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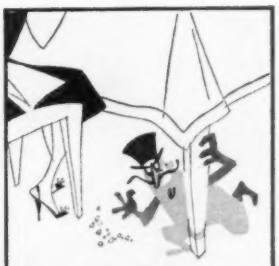

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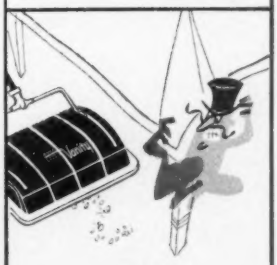

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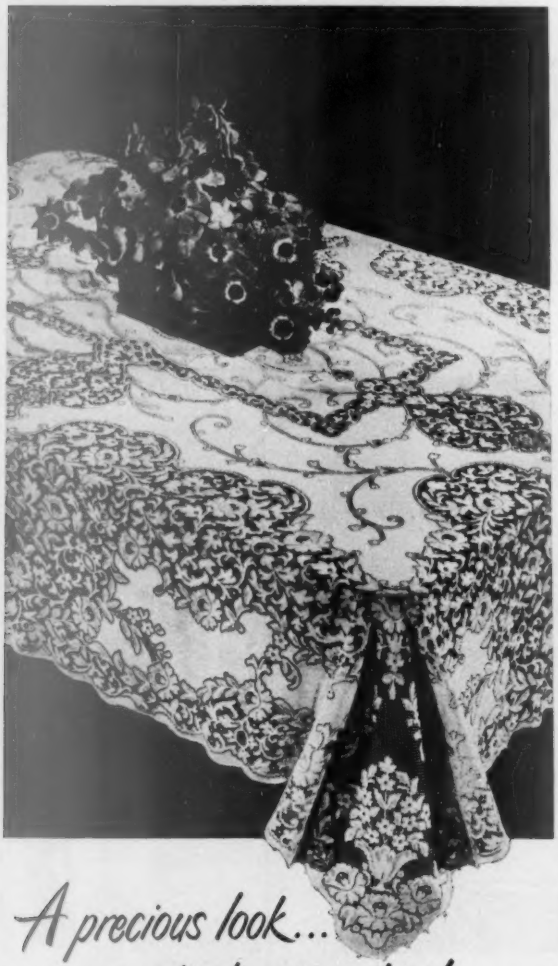

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Round, revolving shelves built into corners provide space for canned and packaged foods, pots and pans. A touch of your finger turns the shelf. Two shelves are built in lower cabinets, three in upper cabinet. All have rims to keep things from sliding off in back

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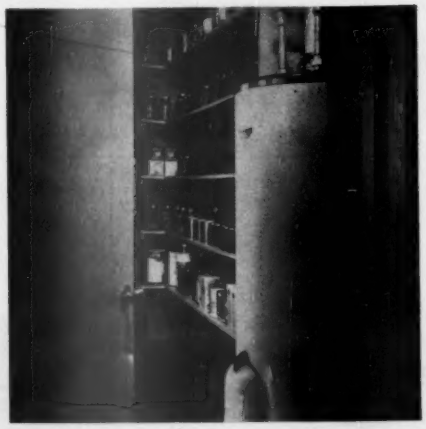

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Family room

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By Virginia Mahoney

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Washing supplies are stored in cabinet below the special laundry tub. Cabinet at right serves as a garage for the ironer. When it is needed, ironer rolls out easily, ready to go. Hinged rack on the cabinet door behind ironer (at far right) swings out to hold the finished ironing, wrinkle free

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There's plenty of counter space in this spic and span kitchen. Red laminated-plastic counters and walls, metal cabinets, and tile-board ceiling are simple to clean. Note opaque-glass sliding doors on cabinets

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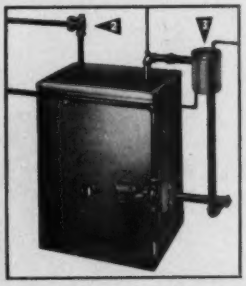

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By Dr. L. C. Grove

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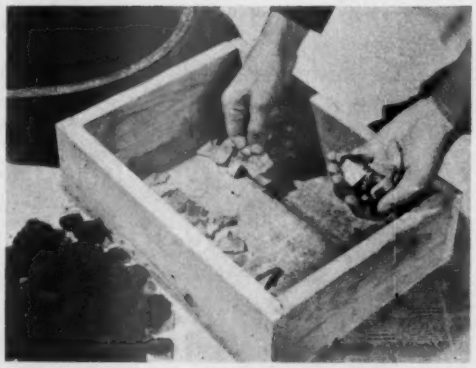
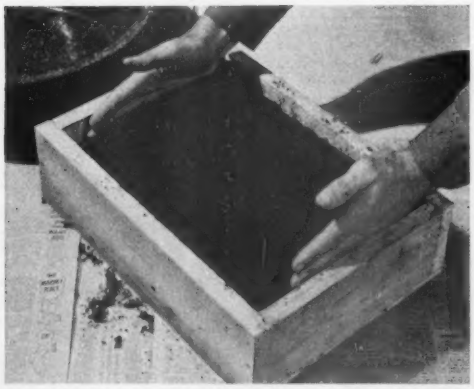
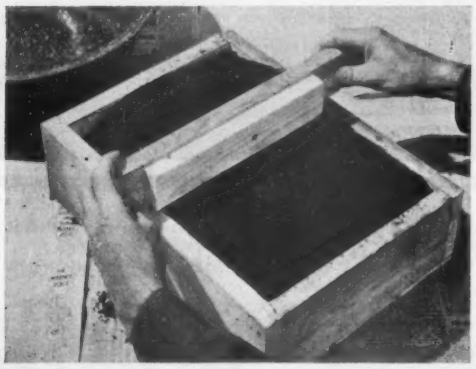


1. A small, shallow box like this will start a good many plants, takes only minutes to build. Pieces of broken clay pots over drainage cracks in bottom will prevent clogging. Spread soil lumps (like those in front of box) over bottom before you fill with soil mixture

Fine seedlings like these will get your garden off to a head start



2. Mix equal parts of sand, soil, and peatmoss or rotted leaves. Pile mixture high in box. Press down firmly along sides with your hands to prevent cracks around edges from carrying away water. Soil porosity is more important than fertility in making seeds grow quickly



3. After firming soil around edges, scrape off surplus with a board as a straightedge. Or make a soil tamper, as above, by nailing two bits of lumber together. Now firm the loose soil with tamper or a smooth brick so it is spread evenly about ¾ inch below top of the seed box

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What should you do about allowances?

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Spending money—it's great stuff. But how much of it does a fellow need? Should he earn it or should you give it outright?

Here's what other parents and their boys and girls—in grade, junior high, and senior high schools—had to say about this puzzle when a whole town talked it over. It may solve youngster's money troubles

By Jeannette Eyerly

Should your boy or girl have an allowance? When shall it start? Shall it be monthly or weekly? How much shall it be? Should your child "work" for his allowance, or shall it be given without regard to chores done around the house? Should you interfere if you feel that your child is spending his allowance foolishly?

These and other similar questions are asked by intelligent parents everywhere, for they realize that, in large measure, their children's adult happiness will depend on their ability to handle money—both saving and spending—successfully.

Unfortunately, however, just realizing that the "allowance problem" is an important one, doesn't necessarily help you to solve it.

Sometimes your thinking is unconsciously warped by your own childhood experiences. One father, a self-made man, says "I didn't have any allowance when I was a kid. My boy is going to have to get out and work for his money." Yet another man, equally poor as a child, denies [*Turn to next page*

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What about allowances?

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himself many adult pleasures in order to give his children lavish allowances because "I don't want them to skimp and do without, the way I did when I was a child."

However, for every parent who lets his emotions influence his judgment, there will be dozens of others who resolve to tackle the allowance problem squarely and intelligently, only to discover that there is no one right way to handle it—that it rests with each family.

For example, the Duncan boys—aged 11, 14, and 16—have earned money ever since they were old enough to rake leaves or push the lawn mower. They baby-sit with the neighbor's children, carry papers or help on a paper route, and do odd jobs. They'd think it "sissy" to have an allowance. They are, however, given a certain sum each week to pay for carfare, school lunches, supplies, and, now that they are older, some articles of clothing. Candy bars, movies, comics, and other "junk," they pay for from money they earn themselves. Gifts to members of the family are also paid for from money they earn—and no gifts are more highly valued by any parents.

The two Harris girls, 10 and 12, are given 60 cents and a dollar, respectively, each week. They do no "work" for this money. Of their own free will, or "for love" as the youngest says, they make their beds every morning, set the table, and wash or dry the dishes at least once a day. They are given the opportunity to earn extra money by working around the house or yard.

The reverse of this picture is seen in the family with four youngsters, 5, 12, 13, and 16. The mother of this brood says, "Johnny, who is 5, receives 5 pennies a week. The 12- and 13-year-old girls each get 1 dollar a week. This is to cover movies, bus fare, afterschool ice cream, and small purchases. Our other son, when he reached 16, was raised from 2 dollars a week—which he got from the time he was 14—to 3 dollars a week, because he's now at the age where he does a little 'sparking.' This 3 dollars also has to cover all of his bus fares, movies, school games, and the like.

"All three of the older children are expected to do certain chores each week for this allowance. The girls wash their socks and underwear, and change the sheets on their beds. Chris takes care of the outside of the house—yard work, driveway, garage cleaning. In winter he takes care of the furnace."

The fact that all three of these systems are completely different, yet all function smoothly is of little help if you are coming face to face with the allowance problem for the first time.

That allowances are a vital subject was demonstrated recently in Des Moines, Iowa, by Paul Durrie, director of that city's Adult Education Program. Seeking an interesting topic for the annual Family Life Conference, he asked P.T.A. groups in all of the grade, junior, and senior high schools to submit case histories of problems that perplexed them.

The subject of allowances topped all the rest.

Typical was the following case history: "Tom is 8 and goes to an elementary school. He has a small weekly allowance which he saves or spends as he pleases. Most of his playmates have a much larger amount to spend, although some never have more than a penny. He often competes with his playmates in buying candy or gum as a bribe for friendships or favors. Money has been taken from his pocket in the cloakroom. Tom, himself, has been known to take things from stores—as have others—because his money was stolen or because he did not have enough."

Another group of mothers asked, "Should children's allowances be in proportion to their fathers' incomes or should parents try to keep in line with those of other children in the neighborhood? What about the child who has thrift explained to him but does not respond as his brother and sister do?"

A comprehensive questionnaire on the subject was prepared and under the heading "Homework for Parents" was sent out to the parents of the 28,000 children in the Des Moines public schools.

Within 48 hours, nearly two-thirds of all the questionnaires had been filled and returned. Professional pollsters would have been content with a 10-percent return!

At once, a corps of volunteer P.T.A. workers began checking the answers. By the time the survey was finished, there was enough information to provide a Ph.D. candidate with a year's work.

A sampling of the more than 10,000 questionnaires, which had been checked by both parents, revealed that nearly all children should have regular allowances. The most common reason given was that allowances helped children learn how to use money.

About half of the parents of grade-school children believed that the decision about an allowance and its amount should be made by the parents. The other half felt it a matter for decision by parents *and* children. On the junior- and senior-high level, parents were more apt to believe it should be a cooperative decision.

Many parents felt that the amount of the allowance should be proportional to the parents' income, and the majority agreed it should vary with the child's age.

Two-thirds of all parents believed that children should work for their allowance, but only about one-fifth felt that the entire allowance should depend on this. More believed that there should be a small allowance which could be added to if children were helpful in the home.

Parents of older children were more inclined to give a free hand in the use of the allowance, but agreed they should counsel with

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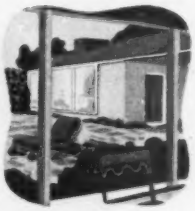

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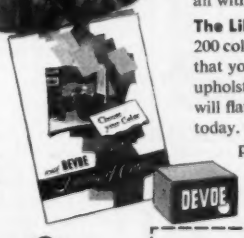

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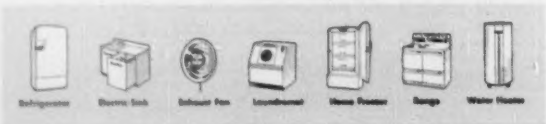

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their children about its best use.

Opinion was evenly divided on whether money should be given for improvement in school and extra-curricular activities. And fathers were more inclined to favor such recognition than mothers!

More than a third of all parents with grade-school children felt that money should be left home when they were not planning to use it. One parent replied, "If they carry it and lose it, they learn its value." Less than a third thought that stealing resulted from the existence of unequal allowances. One parent confidently wrote "children can understand if you can't give them a big allowance. Only a child who has not been properly trained would steal because he had a smaller allowance than the boy next door."

Even more fascinating than the percentage figures, however, was the between-the-lines scribbling on many of the folders. One woman was so full of her subject that she covered two pieces of writing paper with her comments!

"A child should not be paid to do his schoolwork," one father wrote. "Kindness and encouragement help more than money, although the child may be given something extra as an award."

Another penciled in, "Money given for schoolwork is a bribe. If a child has enough talent to get an A, he will get it without being paid."

A questionnaire from one of the poorer districts bore this notation: "Real happiness proceeds from appreciating what you have. Envy and desire for more will raise its head regardless of the amount of material wealth."

More than a third of all parents felt that "grade children should do things without being paid." As one put it, "A child should work because it is *his* home also."

It was not, however, until a panel discussion was held at the junior and senior high schools in Des Moines that the boys and girls on the receiving end of the allowance had their "say."

Three students and three parents were on each panel. A 17-year-old girl chosen to represent her senior classmates agreed that "the primary purpose of an allowance is to teach the child how to use money."

Replying to a father's question about when the allowance should start and how long it should continue, a boy of 14 said, "It's usually determined by the practice in the neighborhood and payment of the allowance may begin as early as 5 years of age and continue until a person has his own income."

Students at one junior high defined "allowance" as "the child's part of the family income." Their young spokesman explained it this way, "Allowances should not be paid for household chores. After all, my dad isn't 'paid' to earn the living, and my mother isn't 'paid' for taking care of all of us. Therefore, my sisters and I don't expect to be paid for what we do either. My dad simply gives us our allowances with no strings attached."

One teen-ager expressed the opinion that an allowance should be given in addition to a child's necessary expenses. A harried father asked, "Who's to decide what *are* the vital necessities? Some kids consider bubble gum the staff of life."

The teen-ager, however, retorted, "Let them spend it for bubble gum if that's what they enjoy. That's no worse than adults spending money on cigarettes. Besides, kids have to make their own mistakes. That's the way they learn."

Surprisingly, most children agreed with their parents that "payment" for good grades produced a false sense of values.

"A child should be made to realize that receiving an education," one senior said, "is his security against the future."

When one mother, however, suggested that an occasional bonus for good work—like a bonus from the boss—might be a good thing, she received a hearty second from the junior-high student who admitted, "I'd rather have a dollar than a kind word."

On the subject of bailing a child out of debt, parents and youngsters were again in agreement that Polonius' advice to Laertes—"Neither a borrower nor a lender be, for loan oft loses both itself and friend"—still holds good.

There are, of course, circumstances that justify a child receiving an advance on future allowances to enable him to make an important purchase, such as ice skates in the winter months rather than in July.

The younger and older generations also agreed that when an allowance has been increased to cover clothing and other important expenses, parents have a right to see that it is not frittered away on nonessentials.

It wasn't the purpose of the Family Life Conference to find out whether or not parents and children were in complete agreement on how allowances should be handled. The important thing was that the two generations understand the other's point of view.

And, although opinions vary and no two families will have the same problems—making generalizations difficult—there are a few guideposts which may help parents who are starting children on allowances for the first time, or who are dissatisfied with their present system.

It's better to start an allowance late than never to start it at all.

Because it isn't easy for a child to project plans into the future, it's sometimes wise, with the very young boy or girl, to give the allowance in twice-a-week installments instead of once a week.

Many families have discovered that the best way to arrive at the amount of an allowance is for both parent and child to sit down to-

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El burro: If he went on strike, Mexican life would come to a stop

which art she excelled. Her home-cooked liniment was some horrible witches' brew which would briefly and violently sear skin and muscle, but bring marvelous relief. She assured me that after a few weeks more of her *manipulacion de los nudos y musculos* (knots and muscle manipulation), I'd be feeling like a *gallo peleador* (fighting rooster) again. And with all due and deep respect to our splendid V.A. hospitals, in which I spent more months than I like to remember, Josefa's magic liquid and deft fingers did me more good than all the modern therapy back home. Or could it have been her strange Yaqui incantations?

No matter what tasks Josefa was engaged in, light or strenuous, chopping firewood or chickens' *cabezas* (heads) off, never would she remove her *rebozo* (shawl). And no matter how we coaxed and explained, one thing she refused to do: use those rented contraptions we called wood and kerosene stoves. No, *senor*, she would quietly retire to the back patio, assemble some bricks and rocks on the ground, and cook over her own *estufas* (stoves). Results, always excellent.

Another matter of amazement to me were the lengthy conversations my wife held with Josefa. Jody, upon my word, knew only four words of Spanish: *huevos, betabeles, gracias, and cuanto* (eggs, beets—and don't ask me why—thanks, and how much); Josefa could not even say "yes." Nevertheless, Jody, with much batting of the eyes and many gestures, would pour forth a torrent of slurry-musical "Geawgia." Josefa, her expression never changing, would take it all in, then answer in singsong Spanish so peculiar to the Mexican Indian. I would look and listen in wonderment. Pretty soon, as if nothing unusual had taken place, I would see Josefa nod understandingly, disappear with the equivalent of one dollar in pesos and return with an immense supply of dinner makings. When I tried this English-speaking stunt, like as not my hearers would just look at me in bewilderment, roll their eyes, shrug their expressive shoulders.

Our day would ordinarily start at 5:30—after all, there was always an afternoon siesta to make up for lost sleep—when we would stroll to the *mercado municipal* (public market), stopping at El Chino's for some coffee and his special hot *kahkees* (cakes) for us *norte americanos*. By the flickering lights of kerosene lanterns, we and all other Alamos householders would do our marketing. We soon learned that a red *bandera* (flag) hung over a meat stall denoted bull meat, and that Rafael, our vegetable *amigo*, kept his freshest wares not on his stand, but in a back room. We found the market clean and all meat rigidly inspected.

A source of never-ceasing wonder was the frugality of the buying and the small quantities carefully weighed or measured out. It was not uncommon to see shoppers purchase 2 pennies' worth of soupbones, ground coffee, lard, or kerosene. And many is the time that I saw highly prized soap powders dispensed by the *tablespoonful!*

After our return and morning coffee, freshly roasted and ground, we would take our morning showers, as soon as the Alamos water supply was turned on. After our bath, Josefa would fill every available container with water, since at 10:30 the valves would be turned off. The same system applied to the municipal electric works. At 6 p.m. the new Diesels, recently installed as a Federal Electrification Project, would start roaring. Until midnight Alamos would have electric current—and the O'Ryans an occasional waffle feast. At 12:00 the lights would blink twice, the

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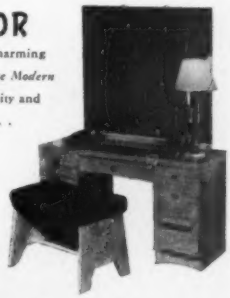

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roar would stop, and Alamos would go into a deeper sleep, awaken slowly, start next day in low gear, and never increase this serene pace.

At first, the tranquillity of this "City of the Poplars" actually came as a shock to our United States nerves. After we got in step, we discovered how soothing the pace, how salubrious the climate, how clean this little town actually was. And above all, how remarkable its inhabitants; helpful, gentle, unsophisticated, completely tourist *unconscious*. Wherever we went, we were *really* welcome. Generally poor by our standards, they always insisted on giving something—homemade sausage, flowers, *dulces* (sweets), fruits, delicious *chicharrones* (fried pork scraps), which took the place of bacon.

Alamos, with its Spanish-Moorish architecture and the soft patina of the ages, certainly cast its spell on us. It did the same to William Levant Alcorn, a jolly but practical and prosperous Pennsylvania dairy farmer, who was jeeping through Sonora. Having to lay over in Navojoa for a day, he thought he might as well kill time by a short side trip to Alamos. Naturally he looked us up, Americans being a rare commodity there. He stayed overnight, then another night—the spell was doing its job.

Levant ended up by staying two months! During his sojourn, we jeeped all over the place. We knocked on doors, and I explained that the senor was interested in *antiguedades* (antiques). And *antiguedades* we uncovered; lamps, statuettes, pitchers, glassware, paintings, silver, old jewelry and coins, Ming vases holding dusty, artificial flowers, and on back porches, Sheraton tables or Louis Quinze chairs from which we had to chase indignant hens.

Levant first acquired a gem of a *casita* (small house) under a huge oak by the Alamos creek, in which the natives still pan gold when times get really tough. For this piece of real estate, he paid about $125. Now completely under the spell of Alamos, he put in a bid on a *casa* facing the Plaza—and got it. For a brief description of this new property, let it be said that, at the time of purchase, it housed 50 cavalrymen. Considering the fact that Senor Alcorn had a farm back home to look after and was not thinking of retiring and becoming a Grandee, this Plaza palace began to look like a white elephant, until I suggested he transform it into a tourist home. And so he did, modernizing it completely with American plumbing, stoves, refrigerators, and such. And so now the less adventurous or more hurried visitor can find pleasant asylum in *Los Portales*, Calle Juarez No. 6, at rates I am dead certain will hardly pay the interest on the investment.

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Seated on her patio under a great mango that threatened to bury us under an avalanche of fruit, we would listen for hours to her playing on the magnificent grand piano in her reception room. Soon the sidewalk would be filled with silent, starry-eyed children and grownups, listening and looking in through the grilled windows. Or she would hold us spellbound with Alamos stories in which her people played a major part.

There was the time, during a revolution, when her father and mother had to flee to the United States. Miss Marcor, then 18, stayed behind with faithful Pancha, looked after her father's vast ranch while revolutionaries held the town.

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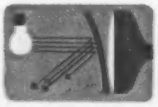

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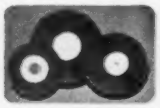

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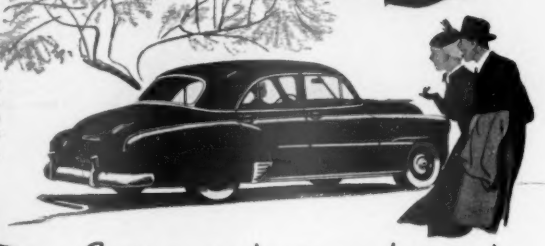

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wax job. I drove into Alamos with an asthmatic vehicle, I left it in a car that again felt like a *gallo peleador*, and Maestro Miguel's total bill came to $40. And it was during the repair job that another curious incident occurred. The dual carburetion on my car is a bit intricate, and I doubted Miguel's knowledge on that subject. He stopped, wiped his greasy hands on his pants, and said: "*Dispense, un momentico, senor* (Excuse me, just a little moment, senor)." He dug under some greasy tools and rags and brought forth . . . a complete correspondence course in Spanish, covering automotive and Diesel engines—from a correspondence school in Los Angeles. He pointed to the carburetor instructions, and I shut up.

If not otherwise engaged, we would call on Jack Byrd, his senora, and daughter, 8-year-old Jackie, who was receiving a complete and thorough schooling from Miss Marcor. Jack Byrd, engaged in mining, informed me that he—a Texan—would not trade Alamos for his whole home state. Then there were visits to hospitable Mrs. Yaeger, her marvelous refrigerator, and the inevitable feasts on her renowned turkey with fresh-oyster (flown in from Guaymas) dressing or Burgundy-marinated venison steaks.

There were the impromptu *fiestitas* (small parties) which the gay natives would start at the drop of a hat. Or the *serenatas* (serenades) in the soft moonlight; the hunting under the expert guidance of José Anaya, in the nearby hills, the Sierra de Alamos, abounding in all manner of game, from quail to mountain lion and wild boar. José Anaya, in the dim past a mechanic in Detroit, was equally adept at fixing an egg beater, sewing machine, gun, or table leg, or at the complete renovation of a *casa*. "Why, *mi amigo*, did you ever leave the States where you earned so much?" I queried. "*Por qué, senor? Qué question! Por amor, por una mujer naturalmente.*" ("Why, senor. What a question! For love, for a woman, of course") he replied.

Then there was the twice-weekly visit to the magnificent estate and orchards of Don Anselmo Macias, ex-governor of Sonora and *General de Division* (highest military rank in Mexico). Don Anselmo was called *El Gobernador de las Casas* (the Governor of the Houses) because he owned so many of them. Born very poor in Alamos, he helped support his family by peddling *chicharrones* to the rich and mighty in their great houses. He swore that one day he too would own a big *casa*. Today he has mansions all over Mexico.

My wife would lose her head completely in the Governor's rose gardens. Here Juan Madriles, the governor's foreman, would load the back seat of the car down with literally dozens upon dozens of exquisite roses and throw in a big basket of citrus fruits—all for the price of two dozen oranges back home.

Occasionally we made a shopping trip to Navojoa in one of the station wagons which maintain twice-daily service between that town and Alamos, also bringing in the mail. Here such out-of-the-ordinary items, not obtainable in Alamos, as imported Gorgonzola, caviar, Canadian bacon, American hams, and pancake flour, or the latest antics of Li'l Abner and Dick Tracy, could be found. From Navojoa one can fly to the border in a few hours, or take an overnight train for Arizona.

In addition to being the center of a productive dry-farming area, Alamos boasted a very lively leather-goods industry with its own tanneries. Thousands upon thousands of pairs of so-called *corriente* (rough or work) shoes were manufactured here.

And finally there was the Hernandez printing shop. Here in the isolation of the Sierra de Alamos was a shop doing extremely fine printing, with orders from all over Sonora and neighboring states. The driving force behind the concern was our friend Joaquin Hernandez. Every time you see or buy a Mexican Jumping Bean, there's a good chance that it was exported by this same Joaquin.

This smart caballero, the new type of Mexican whose motto no longer is *manana* but *ahora* (now), also started with little capital but plenty of *cabeza* (head). Now he is the acknowledged czar of the fur, hide, and *frijoles brincadores* (jumping beans) business.

The jumping bean occurs only near a few springs in the Sierra de Alamos—nowhere else in the entire world. Joaquin wrote me: "One afternoon of July, 1921, came to my father's shop an American named Dunlap, to whom I proposed a small lot of jumping beans, which he bought, paying me a dollar for 1,000 beans. This sale caused me a great enthusiasm, and I immediately started to offer beans to the U.S.A."

Now, 30 years later, Joaquin Hernandez exports some 10 million of these jumpers and lives in a casa in Navojoa that would put many a Hollywood estate to shame.

Silver mining around Alamos has come to a standstill because the ore is low grade, while costs and taxes are high. There's still some gold mining on a small scale, and we often had natives at our door offering small quantities of gold at prices $10 below our United States standard. As a matter of fact, our door and patio were never quite free from peddlers, mostly shy children, who would offer a couple of eggs, a chicken, or baskets of exquisite embroideries for sale at shamefully low prices. The pay-off came one afternoon when Jody had just purchased 5 *pollos* (chickens), with Josefa's assistance. When my trusting wife let them loose in the back patio, they immediately sailed over the 20-foot walls into the streets. Not 5 minutes later an innocent-looking senorita was seen catching one of them; the same senorita who had just sold Jody the chickens. Quite unabashed, she again entered the patio and offered the same hen for sale—at a slightly higher price this time.

Among the many things we did not get around to doing, was to fish in the Gulf of California, 40

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Well planned, well equipped, well lighted—here is a model workshop for the advanced handyman who likes to work with wood. Tool board, bench, and cabinet occupy far wall. Power equipment includes grinder, drill press, circular saw, jointer, portable drill. Lumber storage space, shelves occupy right wall

How to expand your home workshop

It pays to have a master plan to guide your shop growth

By Bob Jones and Hi Sibley

One of the greatest thrills that can come to a home handyman lies in watching a workshop develop through the years. Sound, careful planning is all-important. Start making your master plan as soon as you become familiar with the basic hand tools.

You'll modify your plan, of course, as your shop and your interests develop. Make sure each change is for the better. If you don't, you may find yourself in the sad position of the man with a large investment in tools—who spends his leisure time playing cribbage.

Your plan should be comprehensive enough to help you avoid two pitfalls:

First, it should tell you where you will put major benches and cabinets, storage racks and tool hangers, shelves and power tools, so each unit may be used efficiently without interfering with another. [*See page 160*

Grinder. Your grinder, mounted on stand or bench, requires less than two feet of clear space for most operations. Special attachments will speed sharpening, increase accuracy. You can use wire brushes, fabric wheels for buffing operations

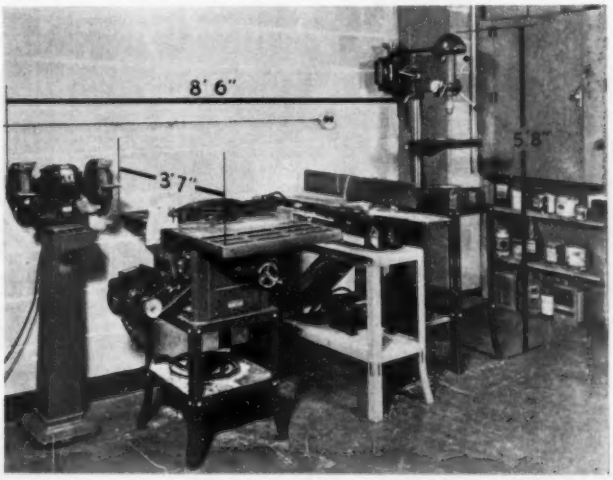
Circular saw. Assign a central position in your shop to a circular saw. You need all the clear space you can get on all sides, depending on the length of lumber you cut. Diagonal positioning, as here, increases space available for ripping

Drill press. Versatile drill press will function efficiently in a corner, so long as you leave clear space in one direction for a long board. As you position your drill press, don't forget the many other jobs you may do with extra attachments

Photographs: Stanley

Jointer. Your jointer (wood-turning lathe, too) can be positioned permanently against a wall. But jointer needs clear space at each end equal to the greatest length of lumber to be smoothed. Both circular saw and jointer are easier to use and store if made portable with locking casters

Here are the power tools you'll want first



Basic power tools. Here, in order of usefulness in the average home shop, are basic power tools. Grinder, left, keeps cutting tools sharp. Among big power tools, circular saw is usually most wanted. If you're remodeling or building furniture, you'll want a jointer next for truing edges. But if you're doing many small handyman jobs, you will want the drill press before the jointer

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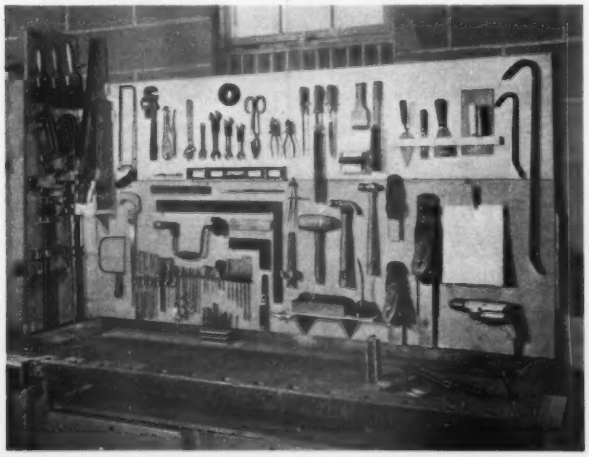

USE THIS assortment of hand tools as a guide in expanding your own collection. All of these see frequent use in day-to-day handyman jobs; buy them as you need them. (For a selection of basic hand tools, see the February, *Better Homes & Gardens*, page 63.)

Top panel, left to right: Crosscut saw, ripsaw, backsaw, hack saw. Cold chisel, carpenter's level. Pipe wrench, vise-grip wrench, adjustable wrenches, open-end wrenches. Friction tape, tin snips, pliers, wire cutters. Files, sandpaper holder, scraper, wire brush. Pointing trowel, narrow putty knife, wide putty knife, smoothing trowel, ripping bars.

On cabinet, left: Paintbrushes, C-clamps, bar clamps.

Lower panel, left to right: Coping saw, keyhole saw. Chisels, expansion bit, auger bits, awl, screwdrivers. Drill bits, center punch, countersink bit, screwdriver bit, nail set. Wood rasp, star drill, framing square, brace, folding rule, try square, T-bevel, jackknife. Scriber, marking gauge, mallet, claw hammer, ball-peen hammer, whetstone, oilcan. Block plane, smoothing plane, jack plane, electric drill, brush, alcohol torch, soldering iron.

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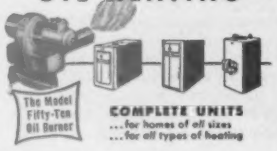

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Second, it should help you avoid costly duplication of purpose in your selection of tools and other equipment.

To help you plan your workshop, *Better Homes & Gardens* has developed the model workshop pictured on page 158, one that would thrill any home handyman who has advanced past the 10-thumb stage.

With such a shop, you can handle a wide range of handyman jobs, from repairing a brooch clasp to building handsome furniture. True, it may take you years to build up such a shop. The cost may have to be spread over many a birthday and Father's Day and Christmas. But no matter how long it is in arriving, your shop should go according to plan.

Only you can decide the *direction* of growth. While most handymen prefer woodworking, perhaps metalworking appeals to you. In that case, your basic power tools would be a metal-turning lathe, a metal-cutting band saw, perhaps a small forge.

The heart of *any* shop is a solid workbench, equipped with vises. (See "How to Plan a Home Workshop," February, 1951, *Better Homes & Gardens*, page 63.)

Beyond the basic bench, you'll find a need for constantly expanding your storage space. Each new hand tool must be stored someplace. With power tools, you will be adding accessories to increase their versatility. You'll have to find places to put your accumulations of hardware and lumber and paint.

That means adding shelves and cabinets as you go—and your first problem is assigning space for such storage units, to be built as the need arises. A full wall of storage units in your shop will not be too much.

Then comes the question of what power tools to buy first, and where to put them. The photographs show one approach to the problem. But the final answer on tool selection must be determined by your interests. If you are developing a shop strictly as a spare-time hobby center, and want to turn out small projects in a hurry, you might well decide to put a scroll saw ahead of all the power tools pictured on your list.

With the basic power tools pictured—grinder, circular saw, drill press, and jointer—you can speed a great variety of handyman projects. Consider their space needs as you plan your shop. The grinder is first on the list because it keeps your cutting tools—chisels, planes, and bits—in perfect working order. Then, among major power tools, the circular saw is most useful. In addition to ripping and crosscutting, you can miter and dado, plough and groove, shape and mold, sand and smooth, cut metals and grind tools with a circular saw plus the right accessories.

The jointer is next on the list because the job it does—truing up edges and surfaces perfectly—can be duplicated only by tedious hand-planing and sanding. It is not a versatile tool, but you can use it to make cupped boards usable, to cut moldings, tapers, and bevels, to cut tongues and tenons for furniture joints. A jointer combined with a drill press enables you to duplicate the precise mortise-and-tenon joints that distinguish commercial woodworking. With a jointer, you could use a portable electric drill to good advantage.

Should your interests run to a multitude of small handyman jobs, repairing as well as building, you'll probably want that jack-of-all-trades, the drill press, before you get a jointer. In addition to drilling, attachments let it do jobs like cutting tenons, shaping, sanding, routing, carving, mixing paint, polishing, cleaning, buffing. If you expect to do much work involving end drilling into long pieces, a floor-model drill press will be best. But for normal shop work, a bench model serves nicely.

If your shop space is limited, perhaps one of the multipurpose power tools will fill your needs. (See "Give Yourself a Power Workshop," December, 1950, *Better Homes & Gardens*, page 66.)

Beyond these basic power tools, you'll be considering others as you begin to specialize. A band saw, for example, will let you cut curves in heavy stock. It should be placed in a clear floor area, with space enough for large pieces to be pushed through the blade. For lighter curved cutting, you can put a scroll saw on the corner of a work counter.

If your interest runs to duplicating period furniture, you'll want a

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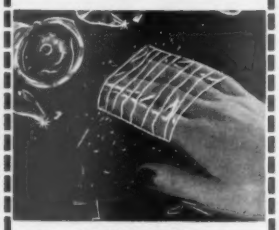
Pick up broken glass quickly



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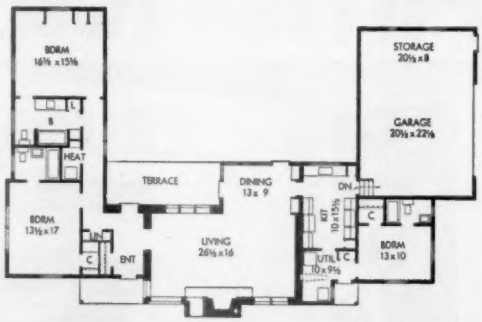

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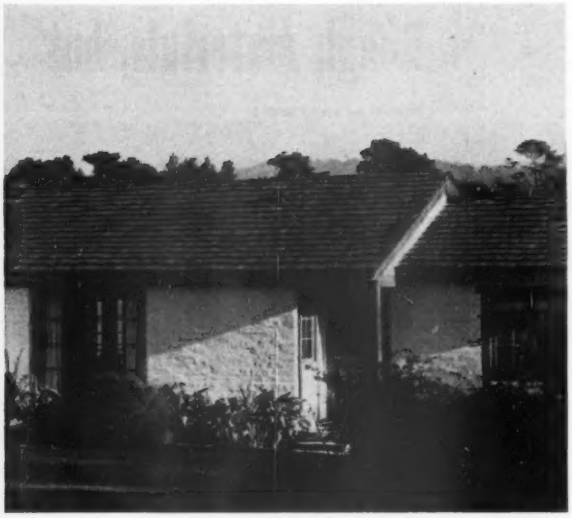
Low brick wall, projecting wings give privacy to lawn area and terrace



shakes. Eaves are close-cropped, windows scaled to give feeling of seclusion

smooth-working house

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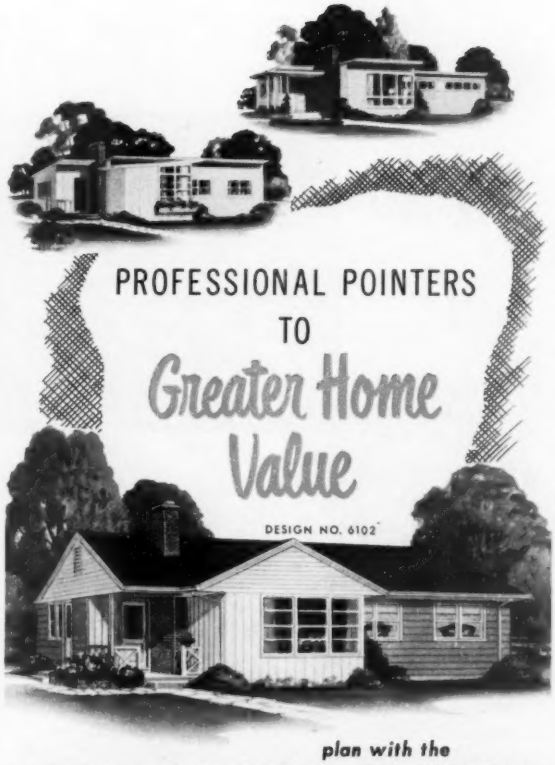
The home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schultz of Carmel, isn't on the open range, but it has an excellent ranch-type plan. The house is U-shaped, with bedrooms in one breeze-catching wing and service space in the other. The living room is between these wings, [*Turn to next page*

behind house. Front and rear doors open into hall that runs through house



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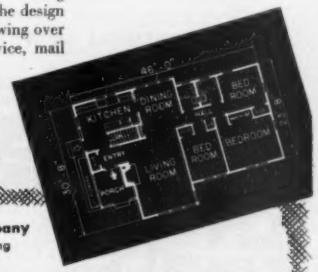

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Though they wanted incorporated in their house the convenience of today's planning, the Schultzes preferred the vigor of rough materials, both inside and out. As a result, the house Hugh Comstock designed and John Neikirk built looks as if it might have stood on the western range of a much earlier era.

The house is built of adobe brick, with a great deal of exposed and rough-sawed wood, and achieves its beauty through the use of these materials. Cedar, specially cut and laid, was used for all paneled doors. Pine, sometimes painted white, sometimes treated with a light stain, was used for all cabinetwork and interior walls. Flooring, beams, and window frames are redwood.

To their own satisfaction, the Schultzes have proved that texture always helps the looks of a house.

Living room is dominated by a rough stone fireplace, set off by timber-and-adobe walls. Though room is large and has high ceiling with exposed rafters, it succeeds in giving a pleasant feeling of intimacy

One of the three bedrooms is used as a den, but is easily converted into a guest room. Furnishings show its versatility; twin beds serve for daytime relaxing as well as for sleeping. Room has private bathroom

a smooth-working house

One wall of owners' bedroom is built-in storage space, with a window recessed in center over dressing table. Shutters on inside of window can be closed for privacy or to darken room during the day

Dining area at foot of L-shaped living-dining room overlooks brick terrace through big windows with panes 16 inches square. Built-in pine cabinets hold glassware and linens. Floor is redwood planking

The Schultzes often eat in the kitchen, given warmth by cabinets of natural edge-grained pine. At end of the T-shaped room, windows look across a brick terrace, doors open into dining room and garage

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Rough materials

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Ingenious kitchen table (page 165) slides into recess under counter when not in use. Chairs also slide into this recess, and disguise themselves as part of the cabinet. Note toe space under all of the cabinets

Bathroom off the owners' bedroom has a highly polished brick floor. Lavatory is set in a counter of ribbed red tile. Door to supply closet has full-length mirror to supplement shaving mirror set above lavatory

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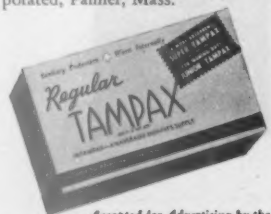

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Good grooming for your slipcovers

By Florence Byerly

Same slipcover—the only difference is the way it's put on! Check your own slipcovers with this pair. The bottom hem of a slipcover should be as straight as the hem of a dress. The secret of smoothness is to be sure to line up the slipcover seams with chair seams. And your cover will stay smooth only if the tuck-in allowance fits deep behind the springs

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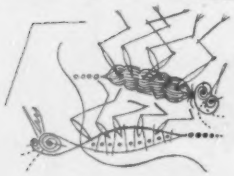

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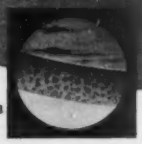

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Must kids fight?

By Amy Selwyn

Are your youngsters easy to get along with? Or are they too full of fight and fire to suit you?

Young Tim's folks found him much too aggressive for their comfort. Take last Monday, for example. In the morning, Tim got into a fight with another boy on the school playground. He came home for lunch with bruises on both hands and a rip in a good pair of pants. After school, he and the boy next door were playing in Tim's back yard; a squabble started, and the other boy suffered a bloody nose. After dinner, Tim's dad had to rush in and stop a hair-pull between Tim and his younger sister. At night, when all was finally quiet, Dad and Mother had only one thought: "*Must* kids fight?"

How many times have you had that thought?

It's natural to wish that kids weren't so rough and wild. When they hurt other youngsters or adults, or when they destroy property, it's no wonder that you feel disturbed. Or embarrassed—if you have to pacify the parents of the child yours has hit or hurt.

But you may as well accept the fact that it's normal and natural for children to be aggressive. Just as normal as it is for them to like the circus, or cowboys, or birthday parties. Youngsters—girls as well as boys—are aggressive because the process of growing up makes them so. Psychologists have determined that aggressiveness is always a result of a feeling of personal frustration. And growing up—whether it seems so or not—is a pretty frustrating business. Boys and girls are bound to find it so because, first, they are so much smaller and weaker than the big people they live with. And because they are constantly asked to conform to rules and standards they didn't make and can't change. Also, kids are naturally self-centered, and it's frustrating to them to have to gratify other people's wants and needs as well as their own. It's inevitable that they should show some hostility and aggressiveness.

Actually, parents should be seriously concerned if their boy or girl *never* expresses any hostility. The child who is always docile and agreeable is seldom getting along as well as he seems to be. Within him, he feels as much anger and resentment as a belligerent youngster—perhaps even more. But he doesn't dare to express any of it, because he's deeply afraid of what might happen to him if he did. He

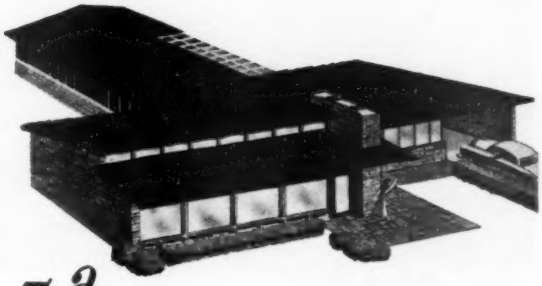
It's natural for your youngster to fly off the handle occasionally; not so good if he never does; worse if he does it all the time. Here's how you can tell how much is enough

knows, by instinct or from experience, that his mother or father will react most unfavorably to his outburst, and he'd rather choke down his feelings than face their anger.

The youngster who is openly aggressive may be just as concerned over his parents' reaction, and anxious to avoid it at all costs, but his feelings overwhelm him, and he cannot control them. Afterward, he feels guilty and ashamed—no matter how brazenly he has acted. His guilt makes him feel more frustrated and unhappy, thus more aggressive and more fearful of parental recrimination. The sad cycle can't help but repeat itself, again and again, unless he's lucky enough to have parents who *don't* condemn him and his behavior, because they understand that aggressiveness is normal and natural. Actually, aggressiveness is more than normal—it's necessary. The boy or girl who is able to express his real feelings openly and candidly is starting early in life to be an independent, self-reliant person who can stand on his own two feet and fight his own battles. It is critically important for kids to learn how to declare their rights, how to attack problems squarely and courageously, how to approach other people without fear. If these lessons aren't learned during the years of childhood and adolescence, they may well never be learned at all. All of us know adults who are so passive and servile that everybody walks all over them. It's a safe guess that most of them fell into their dismal pattern as youngsters, when their normal and natural aggressiveness was squelched.

It's important to make clear here what is meant by the word *normal*. If the boy next door is *always* fighting with your kids and cannot play peacefully for 10 minutes at a time, is that to be considered normal aggressiveness? If one of your youngsters is *constantly* battling with his sister or brother, or with you, is that normal? *Definitely not*. The *normally* aggressive boy or girl is one who is *occasionally* hostile and unfriendly. Most of the time he seems happy and satisfied and gets along pretty well with you and with other youngsters.

On the other hand, a child who shows an unbroken pattern of excessive hostility, can certainly be said to be *ab*normally aggressive. There's a world of difference between normal and abnormal aggressiveness, and parents should make sure they know which kind their youngster is demonstrating before they attempt to deal with it. As you'll see in the following paragraphs, each needs to be handled in a different way. [*Turn to next page*



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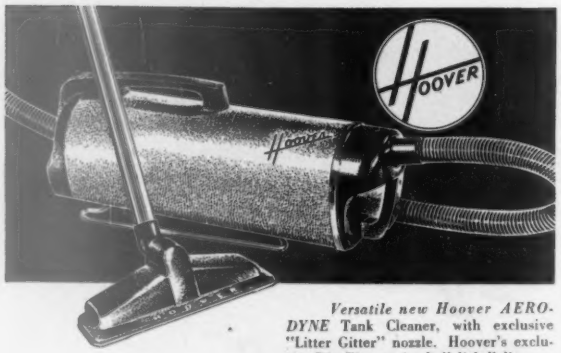

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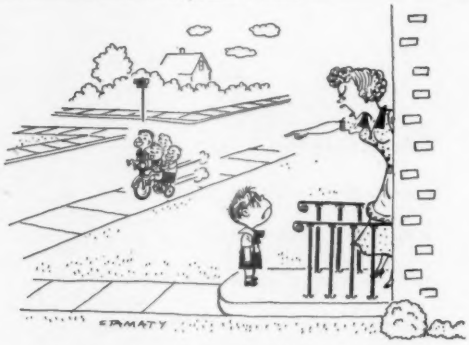

"You go right out there and tell them it's your bike and they should give you a turn."

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First, how to handle normal aggressiveness? Let's discuss the case of 7-year-old Greg and the 5½-year-old boy who lives next door. There are no kids closer to Greg's age on the block, so he plays a lot with the younger boy. Usually, they get on pretty well, but every so often Greg hauls off and hits the other boy, or yanks away one of his toys, or teases him.

Should Greg's mother keep hands off, on the grounds that her boy doesn't behave this way often? Certainly not. Her Greg shouldn't get the idea that it's perfectly all right to hit or hurt his playmate. He needs to learn how to get on amicably with other people, and how to respect their rights and feelings. At the same time, he needs to know that it's natural for him to *feel* mad at other people once in a while, that everybody feels that way sometimes.

How might Greg's mother put these feelings across? If she catches him about to hurt the other boy, she should try to prevent the attack. She shouldn't scold him or shout at him, or do anything to make him feel frightened or guilty. Quietly and casually, she should attempt to divert his attention. Or say: "You mustn't do that; that's not friendly." Or say, "I know you feel pretty mad right now, but it isn't good to hit or hurt people. It's better if you *talk* about how you feel than if you fight."

Unfortunately, Greg's mother said none of these things. She scolded and punished the boy for his aggressive behavior. She demanded that he apologize, and dragged him over to the other boy's house to do so. And often she hit him (or had her husband do so) so that he'd know how it felt to be deliberately hurt. Many parents don't realize that striking or slapping an aggressive child is futile, and very dangerous. All it does is to convince the boy or girl that this is a cruel world, and that big, strong people are out to hurt him. The result usually is that he becomes much *more* hostile and belligerent. Unhappily, Greg's parents are now finding that out.

If Greg's outbursts had been handled in a calm and friendly way, there would gradually have been fewer and fewer of them. Of course, no child can learn in one week—or one month—how to control his impulses and confine himself to socially acceptable behavior. But gradually he will learn, if he gets understanding and encouragement from the adults around him.

One important technique a parent can use is to encourage the youngster to blow off steam in indirect ways. See that he enjoys plenty of hard, active play. When he's out of doors, let him be free to run and jump and climb. Have him wear clothes he can get dirty. Don't object if he gets *himself* muddy or dusty. Inside, see that he has toys he can pound and hit and punch. Hammer and nails, punching bags, finger paints, and clay are good toys for this purpose. Encourage him to identify himself with rough-and-tough characters on the radio or on television, and if he wants to yell at the villain, just hold your ears.

Don't expect that he won't pick another fight, once you have provided all these effective outlets. *Some* aggressiveness is bound to show itself, especially at times of strain—such as when he enters a new school, or moves to a new neighborhood, or gets a new brother or sister. It shouldn't last long, and it's nothing to worry about.

Now let's consider the boy or girl whose aggressiveness is continual and incessant. Eleven-year-old Harold was like that. He fought continually with his younger brother, thought nothing of striking the 9-year-old if he refused to do his bidding. He was equally hostile toward his classmates, although few of them came anywhere near him. Whenever a new boy moved into the neighborhood, Harold would promptly start a row with him. He was always rough and tough with

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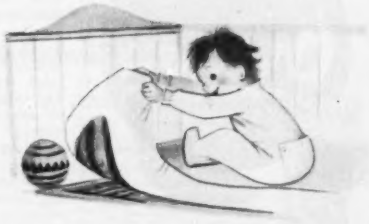

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"After this fall, I really must be going, Matilda."

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his parents, too. And they didn't do much about it. Once in a while, they gave him a sharp talking to, but usually they told each other that he was just showing healthy, boyish energy and they oughtn't to hem him in. They were sure he would soon quiet down.

But Harold didn't. Excessively aggressive youngsters never do quiet down of their own accord. Actually, a boy like Harold wants to be made to stop what he is doing. He knows deep down that his behavior is wrong. He feels guilty, and that only drives him to further misconduct. Too often, his explosions become more and more violent, as Harold's did. One day he deliberately pushed a little girl down a flight of stone steps. The girl's legs were fractured, and she lay in a hospital for three months.

Harold's parents were deeply disturbed, of course. They were even more disturbed when they realized that they had been largely responsible for Harold's attack. Had they taken action when the boy's aggressiveness first showed itself, they might have stopped it from reaching such extremes as violence and injury.

When chronic aggressiveness isn't checked in its early stages, it all too frequently gets totally out of hand and ends in a violent explosion. Authorities on young *criminals* have found that nearly all had long been hostile and aggressive in their relations with their parents and other youngsters. Hardly any of the parents, however, had been seriously concerned by their child's behavior or had sought help in handling him.

Sometimes, parents fail to check aggressiveness because they don't recognize it. Youngsters often express anger in indirect ways. They may, for instance, take out their hostility against inanimate objects. Parents may assume, mistakenly, that they break or destroy things because they are careless or clumsy. Thirteen-year-old Lynn's parents assumed that. She was always breaking dishes and tearing her clothes, and her sister's. At school, she broke glasses in the lunchroom, spilled ink over her desk and books, scratched and marred her desk with a nail file or pen point. Her books and papers were always torn and mutilated and could rarely be re-used after she finished with them. There is little hope of getting such a youngster to be more orderly and cooperative, until it is recognized that her behavior is deliberate and aggressive.

Boys and girls also tell a lot about how they feel toward others by the way they treat themselves. The case of Jay is a typical one. At 6 months, he constantly banged his head on his crib and chewed on the crib railing. At 2, he fell down the cellar steps, fractured a bone in his leg. At 7, Jay suffered burns on both arms when he grabbed a hot saucepan and spilled its contents. At 9, he fell off his bicycle and broke his ankle. His parents kept telling him to be more careful, but they knew their admonitions would do no good. They had no idea that he was turning on himself some of the intense hostility that he wished to show toward other people.

Why did Jay feel hostile? That's an important question to ask about any excessively aggressive youngster. Once you know why he feels as he does, it may be a lot easier to change his behavior.

We said before that aggressiveness was always a product of frustration. If a youngster is abnormally aggressive, it is because he feels an unusually deep sense of frustration and despair. Any number of things might cause a child to feel this way. Perhaps he isn't as intelligent as most youngsters. Perhaps he is particularly ugly, or physically deformed. He may be suffering from a physical illness. Certain organic diseases (such as encephalitis) can cause extreme aggressive behavior. In most instances, however, the excessively aggressive youngster is not physically ill or below par. His sense of frustration exists because his *emotional* needs are not being satisfied. In one way or another, his parents and sisters and brothers fail to make him feel that he is accepted and respected and sincerely loved.

In some cases, a youngster is deliberately rejected by his parents, and naturally his resentment is intense. Often, though, parents may provoke hostility even though they try to meet their children's needs and wants. "Most parents have little idea how to avoid generating hostility in their children," Psychiatrist Leon J. Saul has said, "or how to handle their children's hostilities once they are generated."

There are three common ways in which parents may fan their youngsters' resentment. First, by subjecting them to physical violence—either as punishment for their aggressiveness, or just for *no* good reason. Second, by pampering and indulging them to an extreme degree. Third, by fostering rivalry between brothers and sisters.

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By Charlene Warren

What's wrong in the photographs at the top of these pages? Compare them with the bottom photographs. You'll find accessory arrangements in the bottom pictures are much more attractive and useful.

The improved arrangements show today's trend toward fewer but larger accessories, and more usable space.

After comparing the photographs, check the principles listed below. Perhaps you'll find tips you can use.

What's wrong on this coffee table?

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Use large accessories—and few of them

Avoid crowding. A few well-placed accessories look better than many scattered ones. Don't have too many magazines if you use your table for more than a newsstand.

Keep convenience in mind. Large objects—and few of them, take little care and are quickly cleared to give room on the coffee table for a refreshment tray.

Use low accessories. Tall ones are knocked over easily.

table arrangements

What's wrong on this step table?

Stanley

Convenience is important

Place within easy reach any accessories you'll be using. Middle shelf of step table is kept clear for knitting, ash tray, or refreshments. Current magazines are stacked below—handy, but out of the way.

Provide good light for reading. A tall lamp offers wide circle of light at reading level, especially necessary if tables are used as they are here—at either end of a sofa.

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The Boileaus figured out

Built-ins by the dozen

Hanging rod is slightly higher than usual to accommodate drawer below. Drawer, which holds sweaters and other bulky knitted items, raises floor of closet so it doesn't catch dust

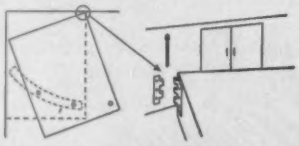
Slanted shelves have heel bars for shoes, and a series of tapered racks hold purses. Note that top slats have been left off on lower four racks, so purses are easy to store or remove

By Betty Childs

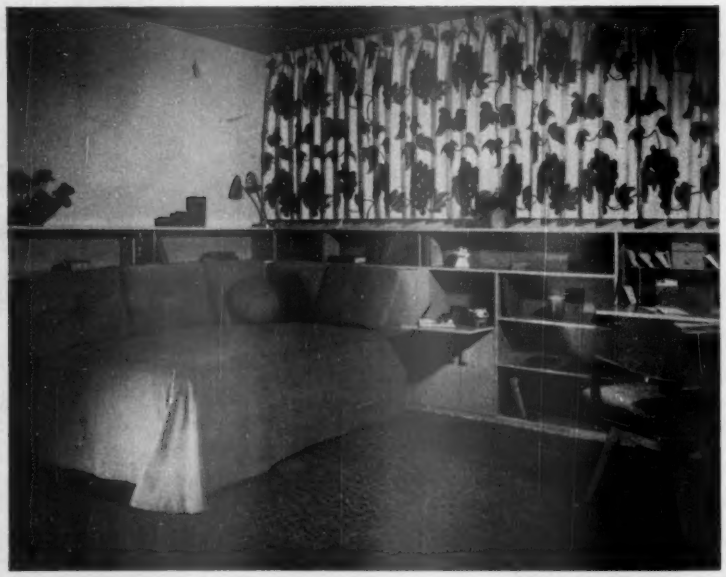
Most houses have one or two built-ins. But seldom do you see a house like the Burdette Boileaus that is *all* built-ins. There are so many good features in the house that we bring you only bedroom and hall storage ideas in this issue. Look for many more in your April and May issues of *Better Homes & Gardens.*

Guest bed becomes couch when slid under shelves at left. Enclosed space behind pillows is for those pillows at night. Drop-down shelf is a night stand.

Pivoting bed unit was made with two plywood panels, one fixed to floor, the other hinged at upper right corner. Waxed hardwood runners on both panels (see sketch below) make pivoting job smoother



Dots show castors, dashes arc of swing

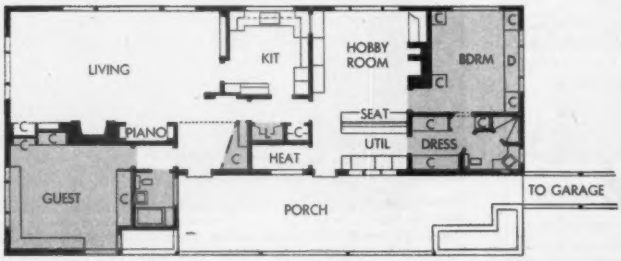


Photographs: de Gennaro

Bank of drawers supplants all furniture in bedroom except bed. Drawers are graduated, many compartmented for specific items. One is divided with fishing fly boxes for earrings, with plastic egg containers for bracelets, pins, needles, and extra buttons

At one end of bank of drawers is special storage space: slanting shelves for everyday shoes, boxes for sandals and "occasion" shoes. Coiled spring prevents belts hanging on hooks from flying out and keeping the door from closing. Lower closet is for blouses and other short hanging garments that get mussed in a drawer. Labels on boxes are type used on nailbins in hardware stores

Bed is flanked by shelves for much-needed bedside fixtures. Drawer below the clock (background) holds three-way reading pillows. The Boileaus read in bed often, can thus dispose of reading pillows without getting up. Switches beside bed control separate reading lights



Shaded areas of floor plan show where the built-ins you see here and on pages 180 and 181 are located. For unshaded areas, see next month's issue

All clothes not stored in bedroom are kept in dressing room. Shelves here were engineered to Mr. Boileau's shoes. Hooks on sides are for spare shoelaces, a shoe hook, a clothesbrush. Tie rack is tiered for ease in selection of ties

More photographs on next page

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Built-ins by the dozen

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Main linen closet is off hall at the center of the house. Back shelves are 12 inches deep for towels, tablecloths, place mats, and sheets. Narrower side shelves are for napkins, washcloths, and hand towels. Drawers keep infrequently used fine linen clean. Slide above set of drawers pulls out for sorting. This walk-in closet has its own light

Unorthodox entry hall closet has section for guests' coats, and an umbrella holder formed out of old curtain rods. Center section has shelves for guests' hats and handbags, shallow spot for wet-weather footwear. Section at left is for two card tables and eight folding chairs. Closet does not extend to ceiling. Shelf formed there is for greenery most of year, Christmas decorations when appropriate

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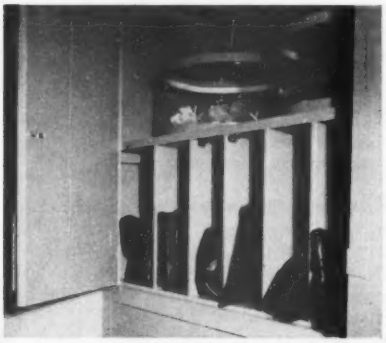

At one end of an entire bedroom wall devoted to storage are slots for handbags at convenient reaching height. Above the bags is a shelf for hatboxes with flower and veil trimmings and out-of-season (or -style) hats

Since bathroom linen closet is narrow and deep, shelves pull out so all linen can be reached. Hamper consists of muslin bags fitted with metal frames and held with grommets. Hamper has two bags, so a full one can be carried to laundry and replaced with an empty one

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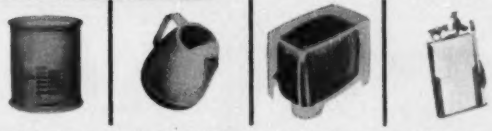

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How to buy and take

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By Helen Denson

Q. *What are the types of glassware?*

A. There are two types of glassware—hand-blown and hand-pressed. Handmade American glass is still made by craftsmen who work by sight and feel, much as a freehand artist does. Since the days of antiquity, glassmakers have used silica sand as their basic ingredient and fused it under white-hot heat with lime, lead, and alkalies. The proportions of these ingredients vary with secret chemical formulas used by each glasshouse.

Q. *What is meant by hand-blown stemware?*

A. Goblets, like the one at right, sherbets, beverage glasses, bowls, and decorative figures are literally "blown." They are transparent, lustrous, free from distortions. Hand-blown stemware is usually more expensive than hand-pressed glassware.

Q. *Is all hand-blown stemware flawless?*

A. No, there is no such thing as a flawless handmade glass. In fact the minor flaws in glassware such as mold marks, tiny bubbles, seeds, and ripples prove it is handmade.

Q. *What is hand-pressed glassware?*

A. This is glass shaped in a finely detailed metal mold. Plates, heavy bowls, and larger pieces, as well as some of the heavier stemware, are made in this fashion.

Q. *How is glass decorated?*

A. It can be cut, etched, or enameled.

Q. *How is cut glass made?*

A. This is the oldest method of decorating glassware and is still popular. Cutting is done by pressing glass against a revolving wheel. The artisan memorizes the pattern and cuts freehand, with no marks on the glass to guide him.

care of glassware

Q. *What is etched glass?*

A. The design is made by dipping glass into an acid bath which eats into it, except where the surface has been protected by a wax coating, to create the pattern. The indentations are less deep, and the patterns more ornate. It is usually less expensive than cut glass.

Q. *Is undecorated glass always less expensive?*

A. No, the amount of pattern is not always an indication of price or quality. Some of the most beautiful and expensive glassware is perfectly plain. Remember that a great abundance of pattern can be used to hide imperfections in glass.

Q. *What is meant by crystal?*

A. Rock crystal. The phrase "rock crystal," which has come to be accepted as the finest in handmade stemware, is used in the modern sense as a trade term to indicate a hand-cut, polished design on clear glass. It also means that lead oxide has been used as one of the chemical ingredients of the "mix" to give brightness and durability to the glass.

Colored crystal. At one time crystal meant only clear, uncolored glass, but great technical advances have made it possible for skilled craftsmen to produce it in beautiful red, green, amethyst, amber, chartreuse, cobalt, and other distinctive colors.

Pointers for buying glass

Photographs: Hopkins

Q. *How should you buy glass?*

A. The best rule is to start with what you need for table service. *First*, water tumblers, footed or not, in keeping with your tastes. *Second*, goblets which may be long-, medium-, or short-stemmed. Long-stemmed gob- [*Turn to page 185*

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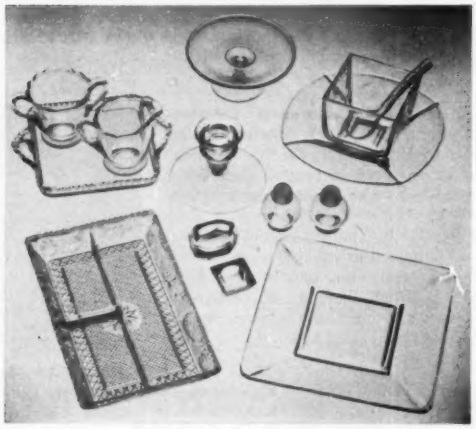
lets are considered more formal. Low short-stemmed ones are in equally good taste, and some formal modern patterns have low lines. *Third*, sherbets to match your goblets. These may be used for fish or fruit cocktails as well as desserts. *Fourth*, small glasses for orange, tomato juice, or other beverages you plan to serve. *Fifth*, 7- or 8-inch salad plates in crystal. You can use these plates under your sherbet dishes. Or use them separately for either the salad or dessert course. *Sixth*, crystal candelabra, crystal flower bowls, relish dishes, candlesticks, comports, ash trays, and candy dishes such as those in the picture below. These pieces are available in a wide choice of patterns.



Q. *Is it important that the glassware you buy be available in "open stock" rather than in sets?*

A. Yes, "open stock" is your assurance of getting replacements and additions to your glassware in any quantity over a long period of time.

Q. *How can the quality of glass be tested?*

A. One of the time-honored tests for judging a crystal goblet is to ring the bowl lightly with your finger tips as shown in picture. It should have a clear, musical tone. Be sure the goblet is standing on something or is held by the stem. If your fingers are touching the bowl, it will not ring.

Q. *Does all good glass ring?*

A. No, it is a mistaken idea to think that all good glass must ring like a bell. Good-quality hand-cast or pressed glass, which includes items such as plates, bowls, etc., will not ring when you tap it, although the brilliance and perfection are still there. Instead, the glass will give a muffled sound. The lime it contains to add strength and toughness keeps it from making a ringing sound. [*Turn to next page*

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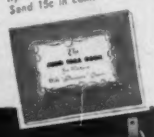

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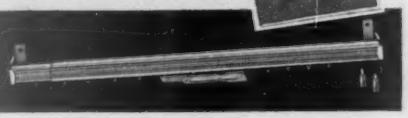

How to buy and take care of glassware

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Q. *How should you choose a pattern?*

A. Basically, your way of life and your other table accessories such as dishes and silver should determine your choice of glass pattern.

Modern interiors. If you lean to the contemporary vogue for chaste, elegant lines, you will probably prefer clear blown tumblers with pillarlike stems. Some have no decoration at all; their beauty, like that of a well-cut dress, lies in their proportions and graceful lines. Form, brilliance, and clarity are the prime considerations. Several cut designs have been made in lovely shapes, using oak leaves, ivy bowknots, or the classic Greek key for patterns. They make effective foils for dishes which repeat the same motif.

Old-fashioned "homespun" interiors. If there is a solid Early American feeling about your home, try the "thumbprint" or lace pattern in pressed glass which goes so well with hooked rugs, pine, and maple. Use milk white pressed glass. There is also hand-cut crystal in a colonial pattern inspired by the pre-Revolutionary era. One pattern reproduces the puff-ball designs of candlewick spreads. Another was inspired by the turnings on a spool bed.

Eighteenth Century rooms. These call for more formal patterns. There are designs which tie in with the Federal, Georgian, or Regency motifs. You can find etched glassware with chintz-inspired flower patterns.

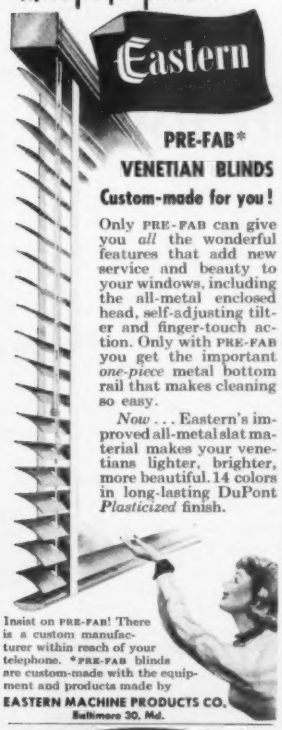
When you are in doubt as to which style or pattern to choose, remember that in glass, as in life, usually the most beautiful, the most tasteful, is that which is most simple.

Q. *How do you care for glass?*

A. If you keep these points in mind, your glassware will serve you faithfully for years and give sparkle, glamour, and charm to your home each time it is used:

1. When you wash glass of any kind, place a rubber mat or dish towel in your pan and on the drainboard. Put one glass in at a time. This will prevent chipped edges. Wash with mild soapsuds and rinse thoroughly in tepid water. Bluing or a few drops of ammonia in the rinse will bring out luster. When washing and drying, hold stemware by the

More people prefer...



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2. If you subject glassware to sudden sharp changes of temperature, you may place too much strain upon it, even though American handmade glassware is carefully tempered and the most shock-resistant in the world. For this reason, set a silver spoon in a glass before pouring in a hot liquid. Place ice cubes carefully in a glass instead of dropping them.

3. Clean etched or cut glass with a soft brush. If your glass is decorated with a gold band, omit the ammonia or the bluing. Do not use a strong soap. If by accident one glass is inserted in another, don't try to force them apart. Fill the inner one with cold water and dip the outer in hot. They will come apart without strain.

4. Never stack glassware. Handle and store it so edges do not bump together. This causes them to nick. As a further precaution, store glasses with their rim sides up.

5. If your glassware does get a nick, use a piece of 00 emery paper wrapped around the handle of a spoon. Rub it back and forth across the nick until it is smooth. You can get rid of the "frosted" appearance which results if you put polishing rouge on a bit of leather and repeat the rubbing process.

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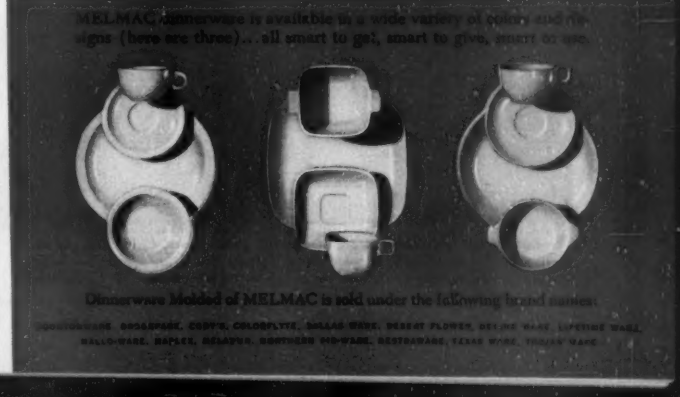

New chests with many uses

Shirts stacked on shelves are always within reach, even if you want one on the bottom

By Elizabeth Shenley

Here are two new chests and a cupboard in natural cherry that are as good looking as they are practical for any room in your house. These pieces are a wonderful solution if you move often—or if you can afford to buy only a few pieces of quality furniture. Gentle curves lend softness to the Modern designs. And the polished brass pulls backed by gun-metal plates accent the warm beauty of the cherry. Darker wood on drawer and door fronts gives a smart, two-tone effect. Many of the pieces are designed to lead a double life. Some can be used separately or combined to make another piece. For instance, the four-drawer chest at left, topped with a two-shelf cupboard, makes one piece to hold shirts, socks, and ties in bedroom.

The same chest and cupboard are now in the dining room. China and glassware stand on shelves; silver lies in sectioned drawer; linens are stored below. You can easily dust behind this piece, for it moves on wheels concealed in the base

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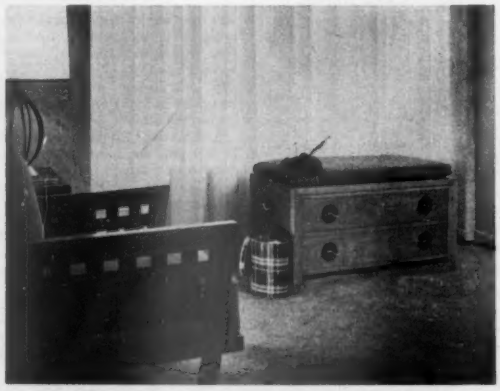
Here's a captain's chest that can sit at the foot of your bed to provide you with storage space for your linens and extra blankets. You'll never have to worry about moths because the drawers are lined with cedar



When you add a foam-rubber cushion, the chest can be used as a window seat. Drawers store games, writing materials, and magazines. There are wheels in the base and handles at each end that make it easy to move

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for a model house

a model kitchen

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Make all your steps important

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Let your choice of materials be governed by the setting and amount of traffic

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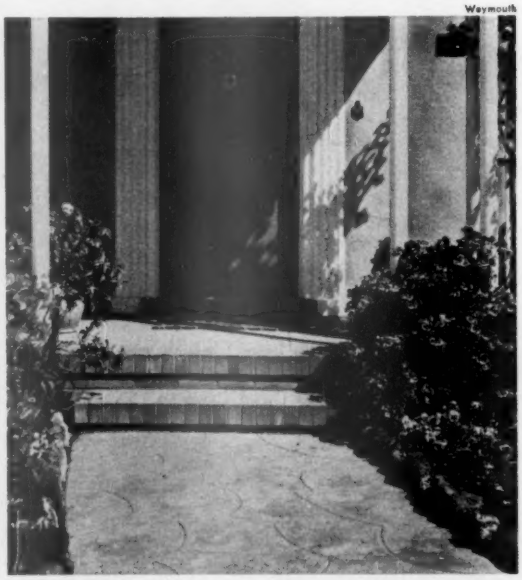

House steps should be clean-cut, broad, and easy. Brick treads should overhang risers, as here, by half an inch. This overhang saves scuffing shoes and makes a more interesting design. Note how the unusual surface markings, done when the concrete was still wet, lift the walk out of the commonplace. Only imagination limits design.

Baer

Where the change in grade is gradual, steps can be low but deep, like so many shallow ledges. Bricks used here are longer than average, serve admirably to retain sanded steps. Steps descending on the diagonal, this way, make possible interesting stepped-down planting pockets alongside. You can use a different annual in pockets each year.

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Make all your steps important

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Step treads need to be deeper from front to back where they do not overhang risers

Howland

Steps that start with the formal lines of the house terrace and end among the informal plantings of a small bird refuge have been successfully handled in the Williams garden near Chappaqua in lower New York. Made of the plentiful local stone, each step is large enough to accommodate two users standing side by side, so a handrail is not necessary.

Parker

A longer descent in a setting similar to the one above may make low curbs desirable, as here, where the line of the steps curves. Such curbs should not run continuously through an informally planted area. Break the lines by bringing groundcovers over the edges, but keep the steps themselves free of obstructions. Daisies are used here.

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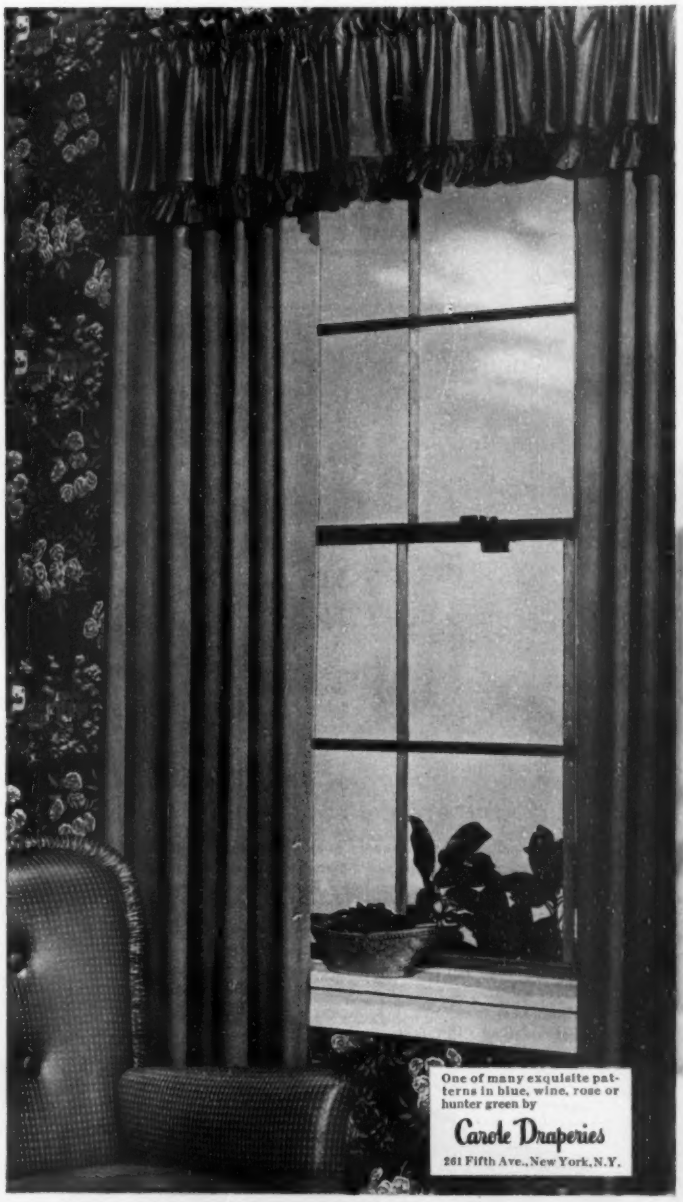

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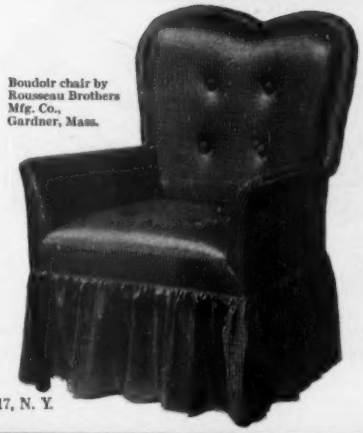

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Good grooming for your slipcovers

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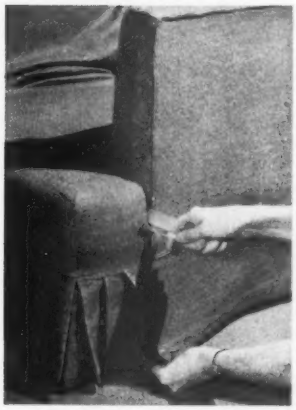
Finishing touches make a big difference



4. Fit cover at front of arms. That point where the arm meets the seat may look different on your chair or sofa, but it always takes extra care. A comb will help if you need to fit extra folds of material into a crevice. (Watch the hem here. It may hike up)

5. Anchor extra material around the seat. Most slipcovers are made with extra material around the sides and back of the seat for tucking in. To keep tuck-in allowance in place, push folds of tissue or newspaper as thick as your wrist down between chair arm and seat

6. Press out the wrinkles. After you have the slipcover on, you can take out wrinkles by running a steam iron over them lightly. Be careful of wood trim—the hot iron and the steam might damage the finish. Press any pleats at the ironing board before you put the slipcover on the chair

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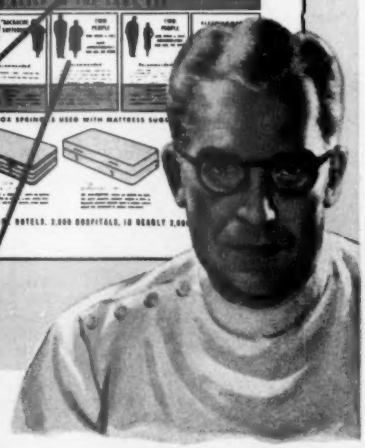

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2. Cover other front corner. Fold seat cushion gently and pull slipcover over opposite front corner. Adjust seams of cover to those of the cushion, around the corner and all along front of the cushion. Seams that match won't slip out of place when someone drops heavily into the chair

3. Ease the cover back over the cushion. Work both sides at once as you pull the cover back so you won't strain or stretch your fabric—or have to yank at seams. Now snap or zip the back placket closed, and your cushion's ready for its place on your slipcovered chair seat

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How to make a bedspread

Photograph: Howland

This smooth, neatly tailored bedspread is one that you can make yourself

By Mary Brooks Picken

You can dress up your bed with a spread that's tailor-made for it. Choosing a fabric is the first important step. Be sure you get one that launders well and won't wrinkle readily. Cottons are usually most satisfactory. The new metallic, nontarnishable threads now add a touch of glamour to plain materials. Give your spread a professional look with a fringe that will wash as safely as the spread itself.

A box-spring ruffle makes your bed more attractive when you remove the spread at night. It can match the spread or bring added interest in a contrasting color. For accent, try cushions or valances to match.

Below are the complete directions for making a bedspread, headboard cover, box-spring ruffle, and decorative bolster.

The smooth, trim bedspread, above, is made of metallic cotton with matching headboard and bolster. Ruffle is a striped rayon taffeta. You can make your own version of a spread such as this by following directions, step by step.

To measure for a bedspread: Take these measurements:

1. Head of box spring to foot.
2. Corner to corner across bottom.
3. Top of box spring to floor, plus 2½ inches.
4. Depth of mattress already made up plus 2 inches for overhang of spread.

To measure for a headboard cover. Measure:

5. Height of headboard.
6. For fringe yardage, up each side of headboard from point where legs begin and across top, plus twice length of bed, plus one width, plus 2 yards for trimming end of bolster, and 2 yards to be taken up in making. (Fringe, like cording, must be put in "easy," so it cannot tighten edges.)

Now for your arithmetic: Box-spring ruffle: Multiply total of No. 1 and No. 2 by 2.

Example: If No. 1 is 6¼ feet
and No. 2 is 4½ feet
10¾ feet
x2
You'll need 21½ feet
(7 1/6 yards)

If No. 3 is, say 18 inches, 7 1/6 yards of fabric 40 inches wide is exactly the amount you need.

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❸ ***Above window over sink***—Use two 25-watt fluorescent tubes, mounted behind shielding board.

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How to make a bedspread

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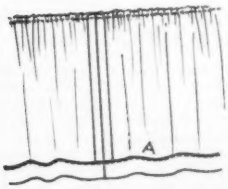
Headboard, spread, and bolster:

For headboard, you need *twice* height (No. 5) plus 1 inch for finishing. For top of spread and bolster, you need 2 lengths (twice measurement No. 1), plus depth of mattress (measurement No. 4), plus width (measurement No. 2). Eight yards of 50- to 52-inch fabric is a safe amount to buy for the average-size bed. Allow 1 to 2 yards of additional material for oversized beds. Buy same amount of lining in the same width.

Cut band for around bed from bedspread material, according to measurement No. 4 (depth of mattress plus 2 inches—usually 7 to 8 inches deep). Cut remaining length in 2 pieces crosswise and split one of these in half lengthwise. Stitch these half strips to each side of wide strip, using $\frac{3}{8}$-inch seam. Press seam open.

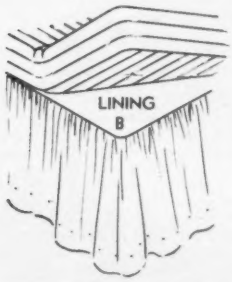
Now, using No. 5 measurement, cut off, crosswise of fabric, amount needed for headboard, and to be sure your calculations are right, measure off length of spread, allowing $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches extra for $\frac{3}{4}$-inch seam plus $\frac{3}{4}$-inch hem allowance at top of mattress. Use whatever is left for bolster cover.

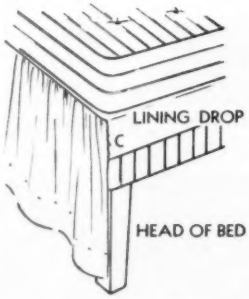


Construct box-spring ruffle:

Seam flounce widths together into one long strip, and press seams open as at A. Turn hem at bottom as shown. Stitch with machine. Cut lining to fit top of box spring, using measurement No. 2 as it is with no seam allowance and No. 1 with 5 inches added for overhang (at head of bed).

Mark halfway point on top edge of flounce. Gather entire flounce $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from top edge. Pin halfway point on center of foot edge of lining. Now pin ends of flounce at head corners of bed. Distribute fullness evenly; baste and stitch wrong sides of material together.

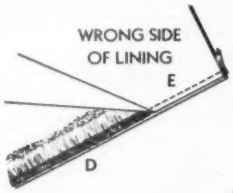




Place on bed as in B. Whip flounce to overhang, as at C.

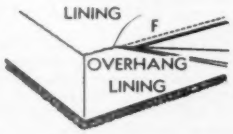
To make spread:

Cut lining pieces exact size of spread and overhang. Now take the bedspread material and baste fringe along bottom edge of overhang on right side, as at D. Lay



lining right side down over fringe, and stitch as at E. Turn right side out and press.

Place lining over spread, wrong sides together. Seam overhang to top of spread, right sides together,



using a $\frac{3}{8}$-inch seam. Catch spread and lining in with this stitching, as at F. Turn corners squarely or round them to fit your bed. Press open.

To finish seams, put spread on bed, wrong side out. Bring lining of overhang up and turn under seam allowance along stitching line. Whip it to the seam all the way around two sides and foot of bed, taking care that no stitches go through the right side. Press finished spread. Work with iron at bed, if necessary, to make sure each seam is true, and to remove wrinkles.

To make headboard cover:

Center right side of fabric to headboard. Place lining on back of headboard. Pin and fit as shown in G. Use thumbtacks to hold grain of fabric in correct position until you can put pins into it. Work from center top down on each

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How to make a bedspread

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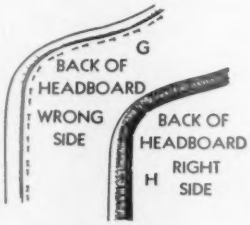
side, pinning all the way. Remove, trim surplus a generous seam's width beyond pins, and stitch front cover and lining together. Press seams open.

Turn cover right side out and slip over headboard. (If sides of



headboard are narrower at bottom than at top, leave the narrow part open. Whip edges together when slipcover is turned right side out and in place on headboard.)

Pin fringe around edge of slipcover on seam. Replace pins with tacking stitches to hold fringe in place, as in H.

To make a decorative bolster:

Use drill, ticking, or sailcloth. From this cut two circles for ends and a strip as long as the width of bed and wide enough to fit around circles. Fill bolster with kapok or feathers and close it completely with a whipstitch. Or, you can leave an opening on the underside so pillows can be inserted.

Cut bolster cover all in one piece. It should be size of roll plus additional length equal to diameter of

one of the circles, plus 2 inches. Place cover over roll, center it, fold in ends as in I, whip in place. Finish with fringe tacked in place around bolster ends as shown in J. A 5-inch piece of fringe rolled together as at K makes a tassel for center.

Must kids fight?

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parents because they treated him too harshly. Like too many parents, they had only one recourse when any difficulty arose; they shouted and spanked. They offered no comfort or understanding. When a youngster is treated with violence, he may bend over backward to avoid invoking his parents' wrath. His hostility must have *some* outlet, so he may turn it on himself, as Jay did.

On the other hand, 13-year-old Lynn's parents were *too* indulgent. They had always coddled and fussed over her; had given in to every whim; had never made any demands on her; fought her battles for her. When a youngster is pampered and overindulged in this way, she cannot possibly develop any self-reliance or any feeling of independence. She can't feel capable of solving problems on her own, or of standing up for her rights. She feels too inadequate to do anything but run to her parents for protection. Naturally, she feels very frustrated and resentful.

Harold, the boy who pushed the little girl down the steps is typical of the third group. He was the younger of two children—his sister was three years older, a lovely-looking and particularly precocious child. Harold was expected to equal her in every way, at school, at camp, in dealings with other youngsters. He couldn't help but feel bitter toward parents who seemed only to want him to measure up to some ideal they had conceived, and never considered his capacities and limitations.

You may not recognize that any of these patterns exist in your home, and yet your youngsters may be seriously hostile and aggressive. In that case, it might be advisable for you to seek outside help, so that your child's problems may be studied and your home situation analyzed.

Don't get the idea, though, that unless you find out *why* your youngster is so aggressive, you can do nothing to improve his behavior. Sure, it is useful to know the reasons why he acts as he does. But you can do a lot to help him even if you don't know the exact cause of his excessive aggressiveness.

The most important thing you can do is to let him know you don't condemn him for his behavior, and that no matter how he acts, he can count on you for understanding and help. Then you can encourage him to express his inner feelings in indirect, harmless ways: through play, through hobbies, through active participation in household responsibilities.

This isn't to say that you should fill up his life for him. He should feel free to express *his* interests and feelings, and to spend his time the way he wants to, with the friends he chooses. He should feel free to pick his own hobbies, his own playthings, and to decide which household jobs he wants to take over.

Naturally, the more satisfying and interesting he feels his life to be, the less time and energy he will have for fighting, or for sulking. And the less he will *need* to resort to violent, aggressive behavior.

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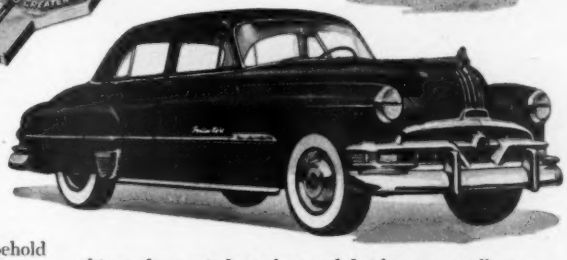

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platters and bowls. He, like Tom, deducted his expense, but the deduction was not allowed.

Allen, the government held, was working in wood *primarily for recreation*, and as a hobby, despite the incidental income. Tom, on the other hand, proved he was primarily engaged in producing income.

These two rulings are clear, but what if you earn $100 or $250 in your spare time? Can you or can't you deduct? If you have such a claim, the government will want complete facts in order to make a ruling. If you can prove this extra activity is primarily income, you can deduct. If not, you cannot deduct expenses, although the extra income is taxable.

The second way to look for a tax savings under business deductions is to check all allowable *personal* deductions to see if any can be listed as *business* deductions. Here is how the same expense can cut your tax payment by being deducted on Page 2 of the tax form instead of on Page 3.

Ralph D..... rented a room in his house to a young college student. It was such a minor item that Ralph never thought of the renting as a nonbusiness activity for gain, although he included the rent in reporting his gross income of $4,000. And since his personal deductions for contributions, interest, taxes, etc. came to less than $400, Ralph filled out Short Form 1040 and claimed the standard personal deduction of 10 percent of his adjusted gross, or $400. That left his taxable income at $3,600.

A year later, on the advice of a friend, Ralph figured his allowable nonbusiness deductions in connection with renting out that room. In addition to such costs as redecorating, he found that since that room represented one-seventh of his house, he could deduct one-seventh of his costs for light, heat, and utilities, and one-seventh of his payments for mortgage interest and property taxes, and claim these deductions as business, rather than personal, expenses.

Ralph found that he actually had $100 he could claim as a business deduction. That reduced his adjusted gross income to $3,900. And since he could take 10 percent, or $390 as his standard deduction for personal expenses, it reduced his net income to $3,510, and saved the taxes on $90.

It's to your advantage, too, to scan all *personal* expenses for items that can be deducted from gross income to lower the adjusted gross.

It is generally known that any loss suffered from the sale of a personal residence is not deductible. But if you have to move from your home before it is sold, and it stands empty, you can deduct the costs of maintaining the property until the sale. These would include the cost of heat, taxes, and other necessary expenses.

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must believe the government and not your own eyes. For you can live in a house without it being your residence, and you can have it considered a residence without living in it. For example:

If you buy houses with the idea of fixing them up and selling them at a profit, the money you spend is a business expense, the house is a capital asset, and those expenses are deductible. If you lose money on the deal, the loss is deductible.

But if you start building a house for a home and have to sell before the house is occupied, and you suffer a loss, that loss is not deductible. Your intention was to have a personal residence. Your intent decides your tax status.

Also, if you intend to sell your residence and fix it up for sale by painting, improving the grounds, etc., and sell at once, you can deduct these costs as expenses against making the sale. But if you do the fixing up and don't sell your house for several months or a year, you may only be allowed to deduct *part* of the cost in the form of depreciation. And if the government feels you fixed up the house *before* you decided to sell, to improve your home for yourself, none of the expenses are deductible. Again, intent determines the taxability.

While it is true that you may find a source of tax savings in your house, be careful! This is probably one of the trickiest sections affecting the average taxpayer, and nothing can be taken for granted in advance. Practically every claim has to be settled on an individual basis, with the individual facts determining the tax ruling. Deductions arising from the sale of a house should never be claimed without expert advice.

There's a great deal of confusion in regard to deductible and nondeductible personal expenses. If you itemize instead of taking the standard deduction, be sure on every item. Health and accident insurance premiums are deductible only to the extent that they can be included in medical costs. Life insurance premiums are not deductible.

You can run into trouble by deducting loss that's not allowed. If your diamond ring is *stolen*, you can deduct the loss (if not covered by insurance). But if you merely *lose* the ring, the loss is not deductible. The determining factor in allowing a personal loss is usually whether or not you could be considered negligent. If a city water main breaks and your kitchen is flooded, you can deduct the loss. The breaking of a city main is an "act of God." If you forget to turn off the faucet, it's an act of negligence. If one of the kids wrecks the kitchen that way, you'll have to ask for a ruling.

Some of the worst headaches are mistakes in claiming dependents.

In order to be a legal dependent, a person must be more closely related to you than cousin, must receive more than half of his support from you, and cannot have an income of over $500.

Two children who contribute to the support of a parent cannot each claim an exemption or partial exemption. The one who is held to contribute more than half of the support gets the *total* exemption; the other cannot deduct at all.

If your young son earns $499 in a year, he needn't report it, and you can claim him as a dependent, if you furnish more than half his actual support. If he earns $500, he must file a return, and you cannot claim him as a dependent, thus losing the $600 exemption.

Take every deduction to which you think you are honestly entitled, but don't crowd or look for loopholes. Don't allow your sympathies with yourself to affect your judgment. The government considers your *intent*. If it feels your intentions are to evade a just tax, you will be embarrassed morally and financially.

You can, for example, legally pay your children salaries of $499 for employee services rendered, deduct their salaries as business expenses, and still claim them as dependents if you provide the required support. But the government is very suspicious of these family salaries. If you make such a deduction, you will have to prove that you would pay a stranger the same salary for the same services. You wouldn't pay a neighbor's child $499 a year for locking your store every Saturday night. You can't "hire" your son that way.

4. Avoid claiming expenditures as expenses

An *expense* is a charge against income, and may be deducted in full. An *expenditure* is a charge against capital, and must be deducted over a period of years as depreciation. One landlord repaired a roof on a tenant's house; another landlord put on a new roof. The cost was about the same. But the first man, who repaired, could deduct the entire amount as an expense. The second man had to depreciate. The *repair* of a roof is considered a necessary expense in maintaining the property at its previous level, while a new roof prolongs the life and increases the value of the house.

A car bought for business use would be an expenditure, and depreciated. A new set of tires would be an expense, and wholly deductible. If you use a car partly for business, only the business percentage of expenses and expenditures are deductible.

If a doctor buys magazines for his patients to read, that is a business expense. A new text on some phase of medicine is an expenditure, since it increases his knowledge or value.

If you use your car a great deal in your business, you may be allowed to depreciate it in three years. If the business use is light, you may have to depreciate it over a five-year period.

At the present time, it would probably be to your advantage to have a longer schedule, since it gives you a deduction in each of five high tax years, instead of only three. Better find out what the

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government will allow, based on your business use of the car.

Of course, your big danger in calling an expenditure an expense, is that when you lose the deduction, there's that 6-percent penalty on the delinquent amount.

5. Deduct where most advantageous

As the experience of Ralph D..... showed, it's to your advantage when claiming the standard 10-percent deduction to see how much of your personal expense can be deducted from gross income as a business deduction. Anything that reduces your adjusted gross income reduces your tax.

Certain taxes which cannot be deducted as personal taxes when itemized, such as federal excise taxes, hunting and fishing licenses, and auto inspection fees, *may* be deducted as business expenses if so incurred.

6. List general expenses in detail and keep supporting statements

Sometimes the government will accept an estimated figure on expenses if the figure seems reasonable. But this is a favor. If it demands exact figures and supporting bills and receipts and you can't produce them, you may lose the deduction. It's a good idea to key-number each supporting statement to the tax schedule it fits. This will make filling out the return easier, give you a comprehensive view of your financial conduct, and satisfy government questions.

7. Choose the best tax form for your purpose

You have a choice of three tax forms, each with advantages.

Form 1040A: May be used *only* if your gross income is under $5,000, collected as wages, with no more than $100 income from other sources. It is simple to fill out, because the government does all the figuring for you.

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Short Form 1040: May be used by any taxpayer whose adjusted gross income (income after business deductions) is under $5,000. It's to your advantage if you're a wage earner, as it allows you to deduct away-from-home-overnight-travel and business, and local reimbursed expenses, as well as deductions for expenses in earning extra income. The 10 percent of adjusted gross income allowed as a standard deduction for personal expenses will benefit a taxpayer whose actual expenses are less.

Long Form 1040: *May* be used by any taxpayer, and *must* be used if your *adjusted* gross income is over $5,000. It is the only form that allows you to itemize personal deductions. If your legitimate personal deductions are more than the standard allowance, you will save by itemizing.

Since the 1949 provision relating to split incomes, there is no reason for the average taxpayer to consider a *separate* return. Its use is usually limited to certain cases where husband and wife each have suffered large capital losses.

A joint return is usually best. Even though your wife has no income, she is allowed a taxpayer's exemptions. On a separate return, you couldn't claim support of your wife's niece or nephew. On a joint return, in which your wife assumes the status of an equal taxpayer (and is equally liable), she can claim a $600 exemption for support of that same niece.

The only way to find out which form will save you money is to try them out. If you have done everything correctly up to this point, you will find the most advantageous form without trouble.

8. Make a trial draft in pencil

It's easier to erase on the same form than to spoil a dozen that you go at in ink before you're sure of every detail.

9. Check your addition!

It's silly to be one of the million taxpayers who increase their taxes by failing to add correctly. Even if you're good at arithmetic, the tired mind can play tricks. Call in a fresh observer for that final check.

10. When in doubt, find out in advance

The greatest tax expert in the country—your local tax office—is ready to help you make out a correct return. Do what the experts do. Bring down those doubtful and borderline cases and find out where you stand. If you take a chance on a doubtful item, it may cost you an extra 6 percent, or even more.

Many people hesitate to consult their tax office for advice because they are afraid the government men won't allow them to claim certain deductions. But remember this: *Between January 1 and March 15*, you can claim *anything you think right*. The government men may *advise* you not to make a claim, but the income tax is a self-assessment tax, and you are the final authority on what you want to put down *until* your account is audited. Then, if you are in the wrong, you'll pay interest. If you ask for aid *after* March 15, the local office can deny any claims it considers incorrect.

Taxes are up and going up, but your *correct* tax is the *lowest* tax. Don't add up your mounting tax bill by being careless or reckless. Define the terms, apply them to your situation, and when in doubt, find out in advance. You'll be money ahead.

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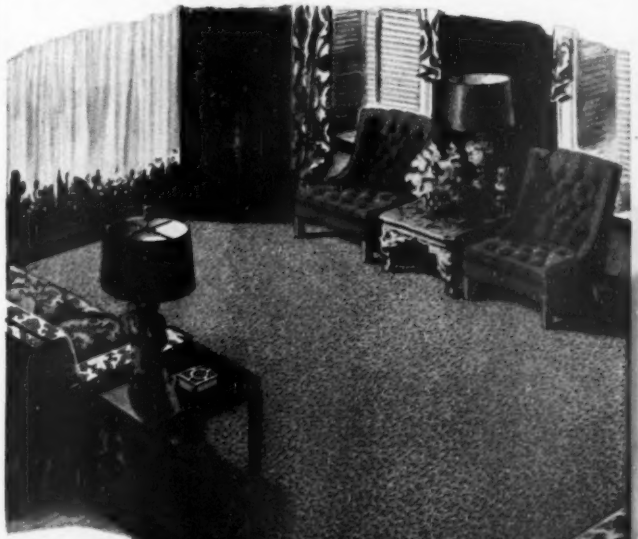

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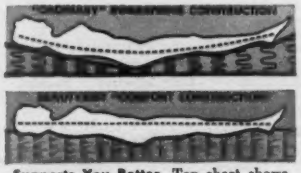

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Compact sewing center which can be set up quickly with little effort is this one built into Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hahn's porch. The Hahns paneled the porch with cedar, built in an ironing board, and added a drop table to the wall. The table is used for sorting the family laundry—also for games

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In a few minutes, the Dr. Norman Mellors get a complete sewing center from this storage wall. They let down the cutting board, place the sewing machine at right angles to it. Shelves, drawers store sewing equipment within reach

Sewing centers that disappear

These can be set up for sewing, and stored in the wall when not in use

By Pauline Graves

Close cupboard doors, put up the cutting board—the sewing center disappears into the wall. Sewing-machine cabinet becomes table. With sewing center hidden, room is used as a den, playroom. Designer: Herman O. Ruhneu

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By-the-yard foam rubber

—key to easier handyman projects

By Walter E. Burton

Have you discovered foam rubber as a handyman material? Light, clean, durable, and incapable of packing down, it brings almost any upholstering job within easy reach.

Working with foam rubber demands little more than the ability to wield shears and spread cement. Its cost is more than offset by the ease with which you can handle it.

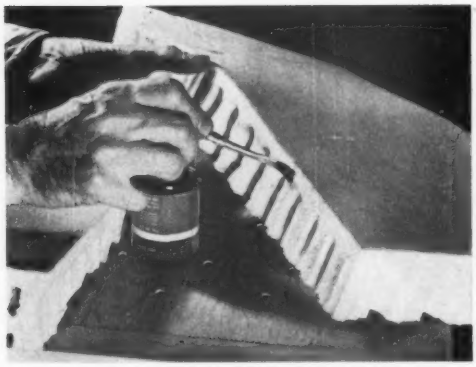
You can buy foam rubber in solid sheets from 1/8 inch thick up to about 1 1/4 inches, and in cored utility stock from 3/4 inch to 4 1/2 inches. If you can't find a piece big enough for your job, you simply cement two pieces together.

Photographs: Burton

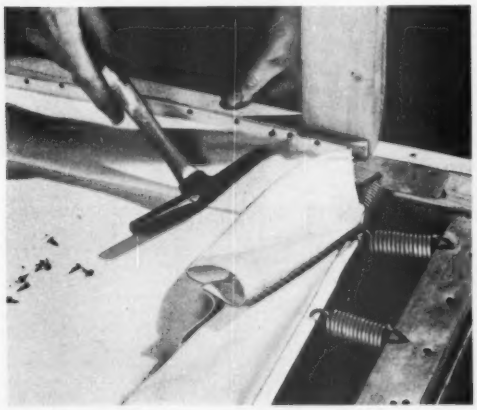
Make a pattern. Before you cut a slab of foam rubber, make a paper pattern, whether you are upholstering the seat, back, or arm of a piece of furniture. You can mark the foam with an inexpensive ball-point pen, a china marking pencil, or a moistened indelible pencil

Cutting: Foam rubber can be cut and shaped easily with ordinary shears dipped in water. For a snug fit under pressure, cut each piece a little larger than pattern.

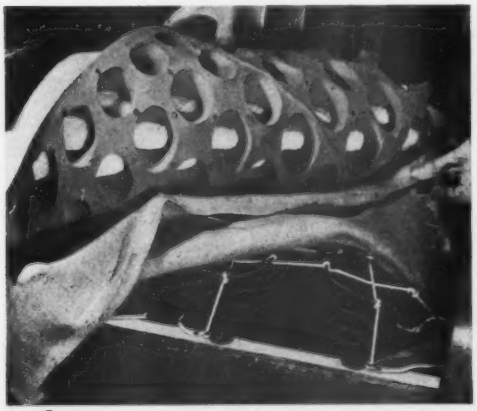
Add 1/4 inch all around on small pieces, 3/8 inch on easy-chair cushions, 1 1/2 inches on the length for your davenport

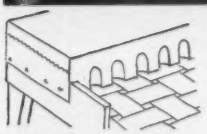


Over solid surfaces. You can use foam rubber over a solid seat of either wood or metal. You must, however, provide ventilating holes, so air can escape when pressure is applied. Hold foam in place with tacking strips, or secure to base with cement plus a tacked cover



Over suspended diaphragm. Coil springs, 3 inches apart, are hooked in metal strips nailed to wood frame. Canvas diaphragm is sewed to wire frame, which is hooked on springs. Then edges of canvas are tacked to wood frame, with enough slack to let the springs stretch





Mounting over springs. In reupholstering, you often can use original coil springs. Use a layer of burlap over springs to lessen wear on foam. Or use tacked canvas webbing (left), spacing strips for good ventilation

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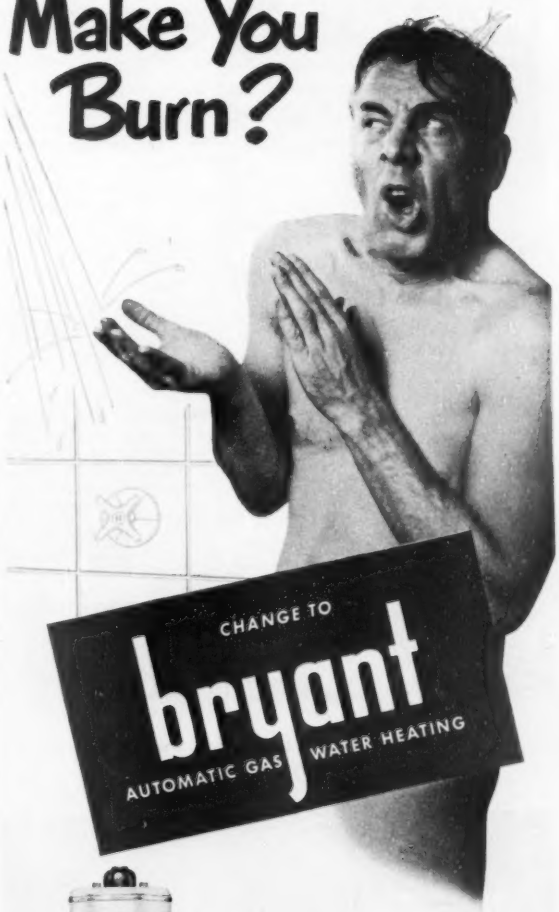

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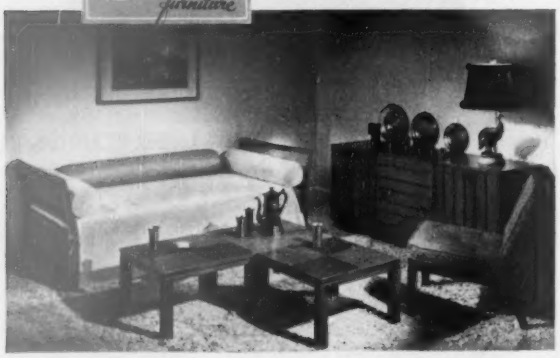

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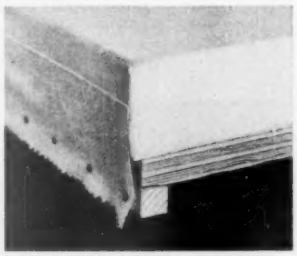
Over webbing. For maximum comfort, foam needs a base with some "give." An excellent, springy base for rubber cushions can be made of webbing. You can use flat strips of steel held by small springs, as is done in automobile seat construction. Or use wire webbing between springs

Cementing. Creating special shapes is simple. (Here, a pillow; fill center with foam scraps, then cover.) You can cement foam to foam, to a solid base, or to tacking tape (see below). Use almost any air-drying rubber cement. To join foam to foam, brush cement on both surfaces. Let dry about 5 minutes. Bring the surfaces together carefully

Tacking tape. Never tack foam in place; use tacking tape. Get special tape with one edge precoated for joining to foam, or apply rubber cement to muslin strips and let dry before cementing to foam. Brush cement on foam, let dry until tacky, then press tape into place one inch from edge of foam. Then drive all necessary tacks through tape



Square edge. Over any type of base, edging of foam rubber is a simple operation. Easiest is the square edge pictured. Cut foam ¼ inch oversize all around, to compensate for compression under pressure. Cement tacking tape to the vertical edge of foam and then tack overhang to base

Cushioned and feathered edges. For a cushioned edge, cut foam ¾ inch oversize all around. Cement tape to top surface, one inch in from edge. Tuck vertical edge under, so it lies against base (left). Draw tape down and tack. Feathered edge is similar except that foam is cut only ¼ inch oversize and lower edge is beveled off (right).

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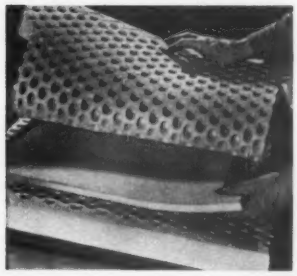
Fabric covering. When you cover foam rubber with fabric, make the cover just a little undersize, to allow for fabric stretch. As foam never packs down, no allowance need be made for that. Too tight a cover will compress foam, reduce comfort. Tacking strips can be cemented to foam rubber and then stitched to cover to prevent slipping

Plastic covering. When you use a plastic upholstering material, and especially one without a cloth backing, cover foam with muslin first. Otherwise the plasticizer in the cover may migrate into the rubber, making the plastic stiff and brittle. With shaped pieces, the cover may be cemented lightly to the padding



Shaped cushion. Foam-rubber slabs can be cemented together to give you any thickness you need. Here, a foam sandwich for a cushion is being made of two pieces of cored foam 2¼ inches thick, plus a solid sheet ¾ inch thick. Center piece is cut 2½ inches smaller all around to shape cushion. You can buy ready-made cushions as well

Loose-cushion edge. For a neat finish on a loose cushion or pillow, cut a strip of sheet foam 1½ inches narrower than the cushion edge. Center on cushion edge and cement in place. Put cement on exposed part of cushion edge and strip edge, let dry until tacky, and then pinch together. The result is a neat, almost invisible rounded joint

Crowning. You can achieve a desirable crown effect on an upholstered piece by building up the center with extra foam rubber. Or, for economy, you can use other materials under the foam sheet. Here, salvaged cotton and hair stuffing are being used to build up a side-to-side crown on a chair back. Before applying foam, stitch through filler and burlap a few times with heavy thread to hold filler in place

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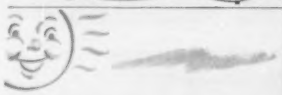

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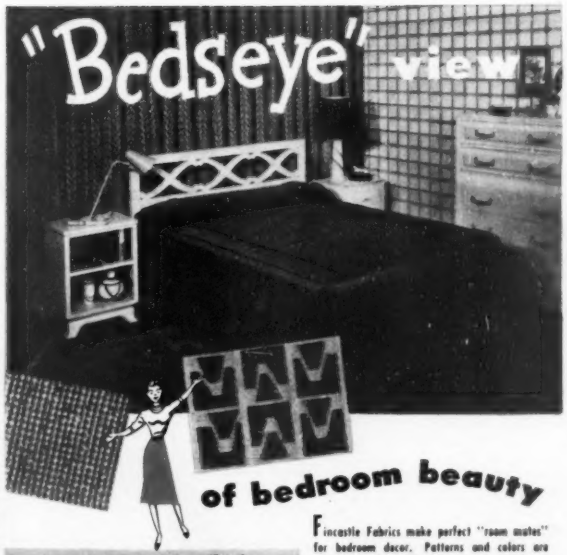

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By Mort Reed, Jr.

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No door separates living room from kitchen. Instead, this low storage unit for table pads and porch equipment blocks view between rooms

Large casements in living room, screened porch, and broad brick terrace take advantage of lake view and breeze. House is placed so trees keep roof shaded

After a glance at the Earl Suddoth house near Memphis, you might think, "It looks pretty fancy to me." Robert E. Brown, A.I.A., would reply that the tricks he used are what distinguish a plain house from an eye-catcher.

The house is full of contrasting pattern, color, and texture—of brick, of wood, of roofing, of windowpanes. Shadows from protruding brick in the foundation wall, from a vertical trellis by the front door, and from an open overhang provide added sparkle.

Windows are aimed for best view, air, and light toward the lake that forms a crescent around the house, while the house as a whole snuggles under tall shade trees that repel the brunt of Mississippi Valley heat.

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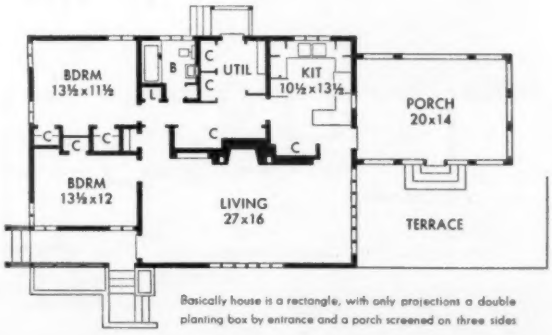


Basically house is a rectangle, with only projections a double planting box by entrance and a porch screened on three sides

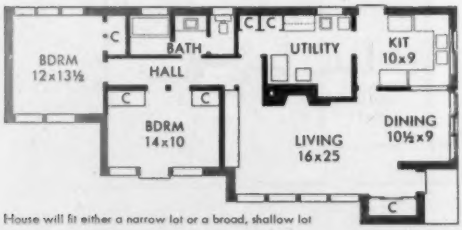
Pan cabinet occupies wall space near range. Pots and pans hang on hooks or lie on flat base, putting them all within quick and quiet reach

Living room is full of space—low-cost space. High, sloping ceiling with exposed rafters saves cost of joists and finished ceiling material. Massive fireplace wall is in scale with the room. Casement windows give view of Spring Lake in two directions

Cinder block spray-painted gray and natural wood contrast pleasantly. Narrow end of house faces street, so maximum number of rooms get south light

If it's a low-cost house you want . . .

2-Use inexpensive materials



House will fit either a narrow lot or a broad, shallow lot

To keep a house of 1,200 square feet within reach of a tight budget, you have to choose materials carefully, and make up in color, simplicity, and line for paucity of cash. In designing the Yellow Springs, Ohio, home of the A. M. Radins, Architect Max G. Mercer used only low-cost materials, but in a way that belies their inexpensiveness.

Against the rough texture and starkness of light gray cinder block, he has played warm, rich wood colors. Strong horizontals and excellent grouping and placement of windows are effective in keeping the blocks visually in the background. Inside, warm colors again soften the geometric stiffness of block walls.

Photographs: Dearborn-Massar

Strong horizontal lines of louvers and the eave are tempered by the equally strong verticals of window mullions. Note that tapered joists have been doubled and separated with a spreader for decorative effect

Like the exterior, interior walls are cinder block with occasional expanses of plywood. Both rafters and insulation board forming underside of roof are exposed. Though cinder blocks are painted white, texture still shows through

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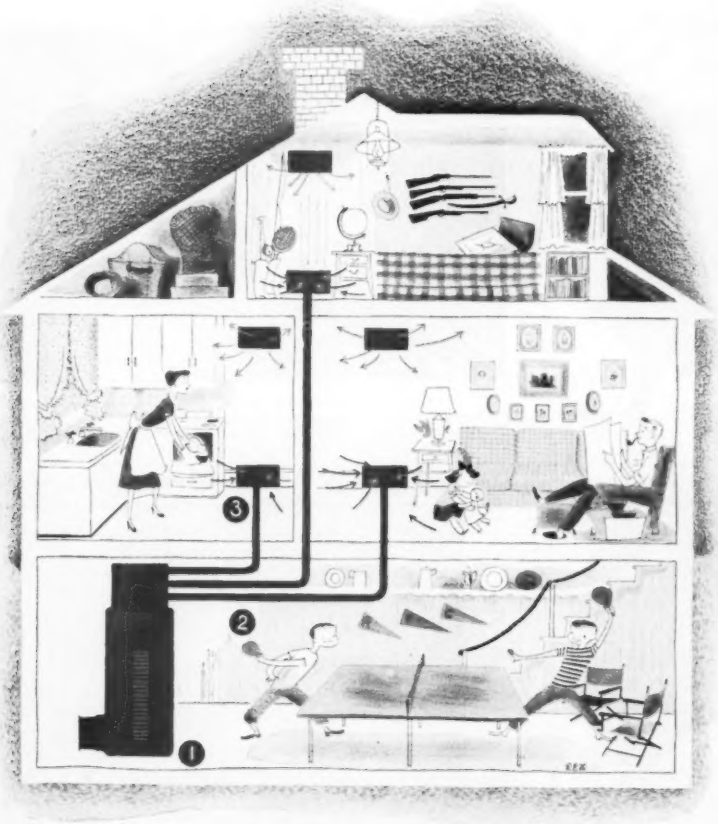

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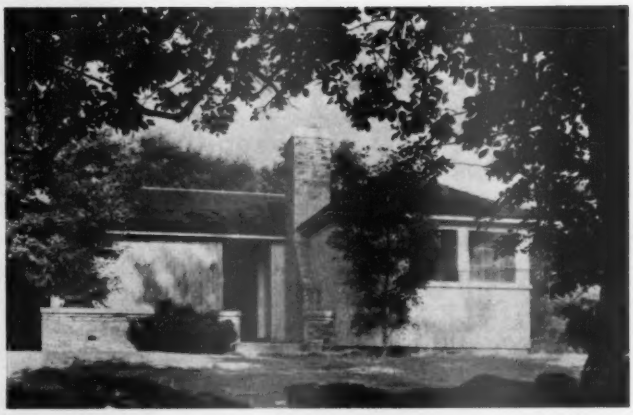
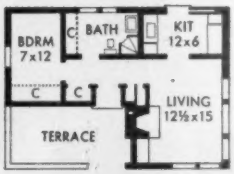


The 500 square feet in this house are cleverly used. Entrance door opens properly into a short hall between living room and bedroom. Windows are away from entrance for privacy

If it's a low-cost house you want . . .

3-Make little space more efficient



One square foot in every 13 is for storage

When shelter is more important than space, relation between rooms is what counts. Architect A. E. Simonson shows that in his house in Carlisle, Massachusetts.

The living room—only 12½x15 feet—will seat 11 people comfortably. The kitchen is tiny, but has everything needed for preparing meals and storing utensils. The bathroom is big enough to serve as a dressing room. And there are five closets!

Glass door in kitchen slides into a pocket, leaving room open to the garden. House is frame, with walls covered with random-width vertical boarding finished with aluminum paint

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Living-room furniture consists almost entirely of three daybeds forming a seating ell. Windows are single sash that slide down into a pocket in the wall. When all windows are open, the room seems to become part of the outdoors

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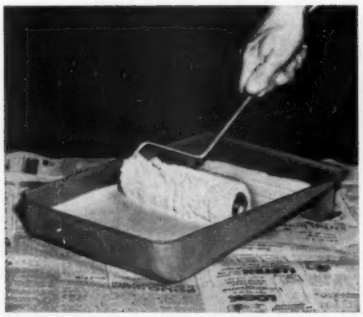

Dip-type roller

Self-feeding type

Paint rollers are designed so they may be charged with paint either by dipping (top picture) or by filling a center drum with finish (bottom picture)

If you haven't tried painting with a roller, you have a pleasant surprise ahead.

With a roller, you can paint the walls of an entire room in a single evening, even if you have never done any painting. You can do a professional-looking job, without streaks, runs, laps, brush marks, or drips. And you (or your wife, if she enjoys painting) can do the job without blisters or backaches.

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As to the surface, the roller will paint smooth or rough plaster, wood, metal, stucco, brickwork, and others. It is at its best, of course, where the area to be covered is large, with few breaks. Surface preparation is the same as for any paint job, with dryness and cleanliness of greatest importance.

If you haven't become acquainted with this latest time- and worksaving tool for the home handyman, the photographs will show you how to use it. If you are still skeptical, just try it for yourself.

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Sizes, prices. Rollers come 2 to 9 inches wide, with 7 inches most common. In price, they range from $1 to $3.50. These rollers have replaceable covers of lamb's wool. Long-nap covers paint textured surfaces. Coarse roller does stippling. Some rollers have choice of fabric sleeves to fit finish. Note paint tray

Advance washing. Before using a new roller, wash it in warm soapsuds and rinse well. This removes any loose lint or dust. Let roller dry before using with oil-base paint. For water-mix paint, use a wet roller, particularly if the paint has a rubber base

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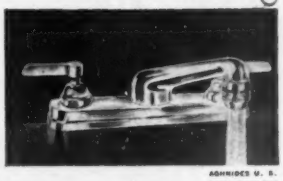

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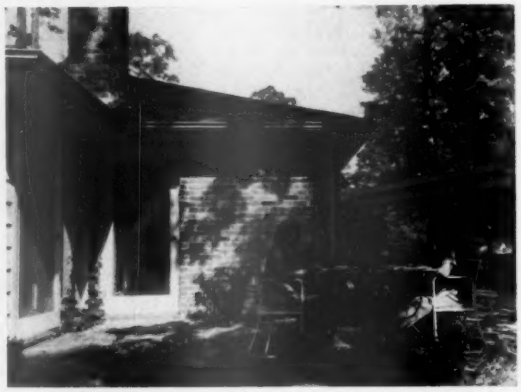

Shade-dappled, brick-paved terrace runs on around to carport, is perfect for lazy summer Sunday breakfasts—or lunches or dinners

A good example of a new idea—the compartmented bath; the tub is behind louvered door at right. Big mirror, counter are "plus" features

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This Five Star kitchen is compact, convenient, colorful. Door to laundry-storage room is out of picture (left). The floor is waxed black concrete

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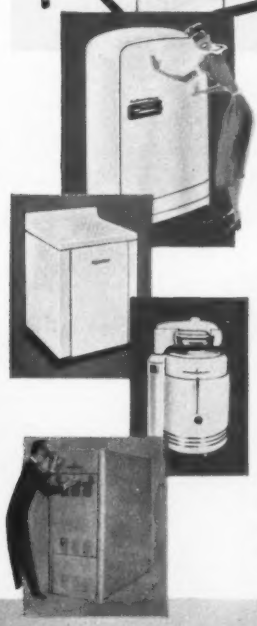

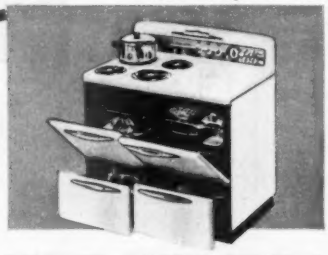

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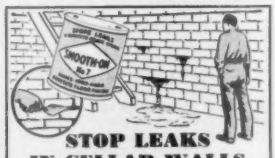

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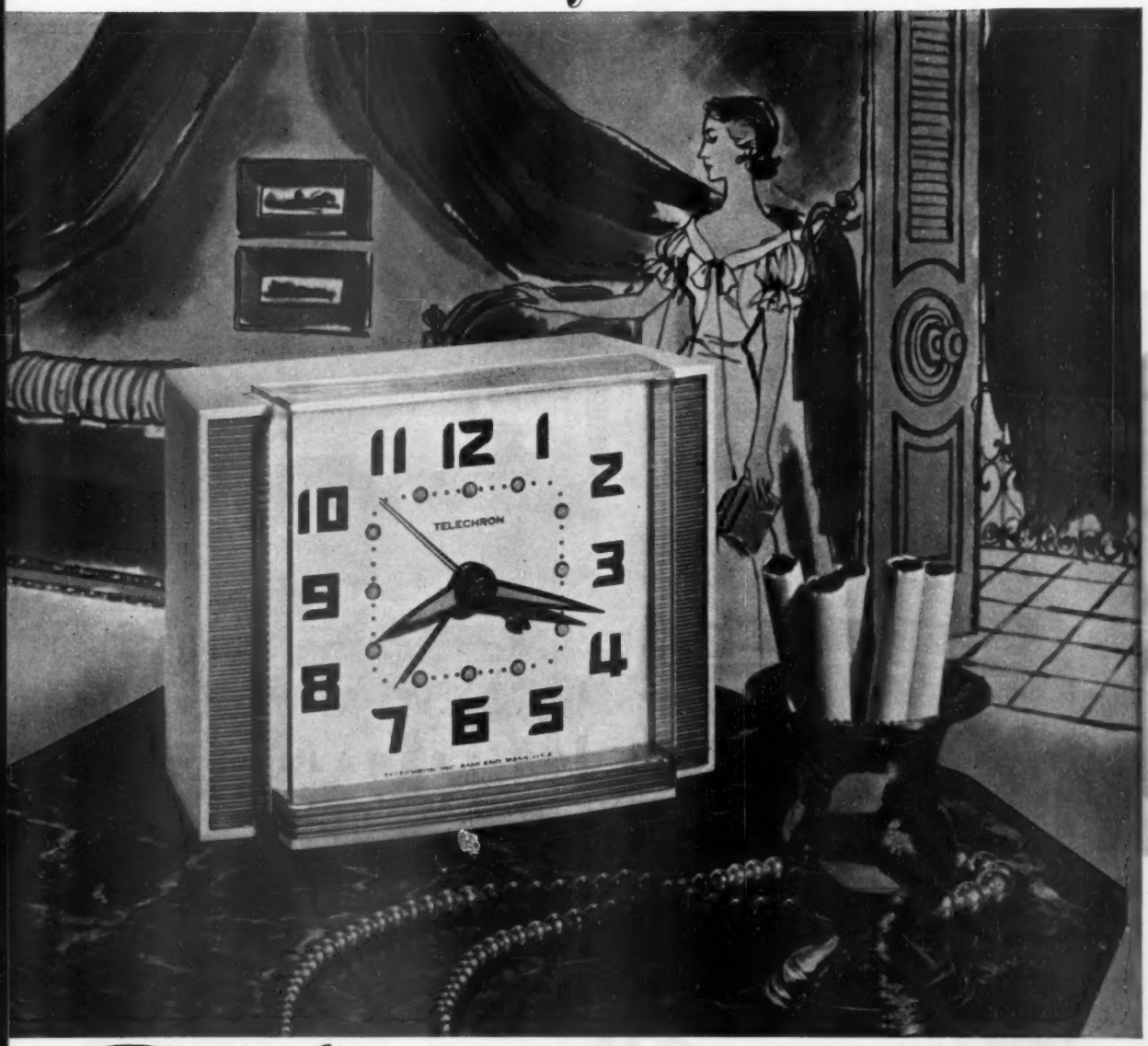

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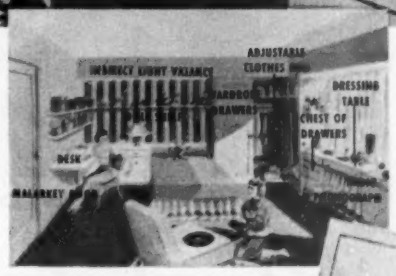

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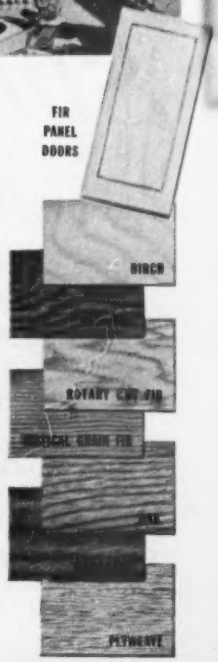

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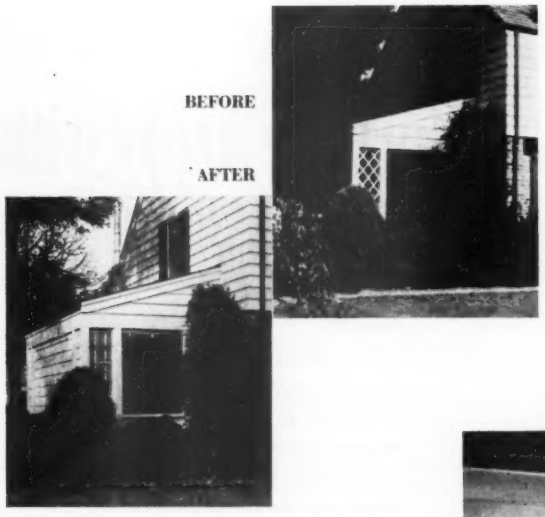

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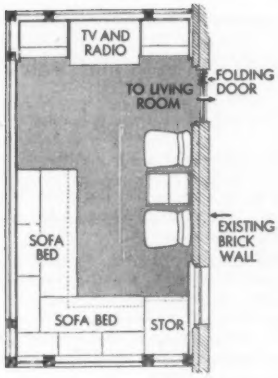

Rear wall of our new 9x17-foot room houses television set, radio-phonograph, speakers, a few books, knickknacks, and our albums of recordings. When we show movies, we pull screen down over photomural in the center. Folding door at left leads to the living room

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Front wall of rift oak plywood has slanted racks for magazines, movable storage cabinet for movie projector and film, built-in seats for five people. Because it is so convenient in its cabinet against brick wall at the left, we use our tape recorder constantly

By V. T. Myers

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You probably know someone like Jim Blake. Married to a charming woman, he's deeply in love with her and has been through 10 years of marriage.

But occasionally in the past, Jim has broken down.

"Jody," he's said in those moments, "is a wonderful girl *most of the time* but an impossible one *some of the time*. And when she's impossible, there's nothing I can do."

The occasional tiff common in all marriage? The temper that gets out of hand now and then? The period of aloofness? Jim means none of these.

What he does mean, for example, is that whenever there is an argument—and that isn't too often—the argument itself gets lost as Jody accuses Jim of not loving her.

He means that when he has a tough business problem which distracts him, that too is like a red flag signaling to Jody that he doesn't love her.

He means, in short, that Jody seems to have blind, irrational areas and that when she reaches them, it's impossible to deal with her. Then, all the neat rules for give and take don't work.

Jim's problem isn't a rare one.

Some women, at other times charming and rewarding wives, become tough to live with every so often. Obviously, this is true of some husbands too, but let's say at once that this article talks about wives.

Yet when wives like Jim's become difficult, it isn't out of sheer cussedness. They don't set out *deliberately* to be hard to live with.

We're beginning to understand now what the trouble is—and what can be done about it. And the trouble, almost invariably, lies in one or more of four deeply entrenched traits—unconscious driving forces.

Which sounds forbidding. But isn't.

The *good* news is that this new knowledge will help when all the rules of give and take and the arguments of sweet reasonableness have failed. I've seen the evidence.

the girl you married

By Lawrence Galton

While these four traits have been more or less understood by doctors and marriage counselors, their full significance has been spotlighted sharply by a recent study.

The study was made by Dr. Florence Hollis, who has written it up in a new book, *Women in Marital Conflict*, published by the Family Service Association of America. An associate professor of social work at Columbia University, and experienced in counseling many married couples, she studied wives in 100 families with marriage difficulties. This was a random selection of families helped by 11 large family-service agencies. Of all ages, religions, and incomes, these probably represent a good cross section of American families.

And in family after family, one or more of the four traits tipped off the trouble. They did so even when the trouble seemed at first to lie with outside things like money and interfering relatives. And, also, when sex seemed to be the main problem.

What are these four traits that can cause such an endless variety of troubles?

Well, first, some women are too emotionally dependent.

Second, some women are too bound up with their father and mother.

Third, some women have an actual need to make themselves miserable.

Fourth, some women, even though they may not realize it, don't like being women.

And, because the first trait clearly explains Jim Blake's problems, let's start with it.

Some women are too emotionally dependent.

Sum up what's wrong with Jody Blake, and it comes to just this: She can't carry her fair share in the love relationship. She has to *have* love before she can *give* it. She needs constant reassurance of love, and prickles up when the reassurance, not the love itself, is withdrawn even for a moment.

A tiff now and then is a normal event. So is a man's occasional distraction with a business problem. But to Jody these are threats, and here's why:

Take a 6-year-old girl, her mother's favorite, and place her—at her mother's death—with an aunt, a kind and loving woman underneath, but undemonstrative, unable to show affection.

In this new atmosphere, the girl (Jody) suffers and feels unloved. Typically, when she is graduated from high school with high grades and sees another girl become valedictorian, she thinks she knows why: The other girl has parents, and the principal doesn't want to disappoint them. All her life, Jody has felt that she lost out for lack of parents and that she was alone, with nobody to care for her.

Now, having fallen in love and married Jim who loves her, she *should* be over this feeling. She is—on the surface. But it's still present underneath—an unconscious force that makes her worry frantically whenever Jim stops, even for a moment, demonstrating his love.

If this unfounded feeling is the *trouble*, what's the *solution?* Jim found one. [*Turn to next page*

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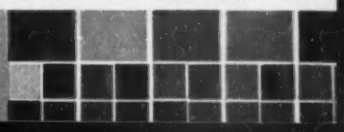

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How to be happy with the girl you married

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Not long ago, somewhat self-conscious but determined, he took his problem to a marriage counselor. After stating it and reviewing his own background, he was, on request, telling what he knew about Jody's when he had a sudden flash of insight. In telling the facts of Jody's life, he could see the connection between them, the underlying emotional dependence they had produced, and all their troubles.

Now, Jim is an unusual kind of man. First, in taking the ball and seeking help. And, too, in what he could do thereafter.

For, once he understood, Jim was able to solve the problem by keeping in mind Jody's need for reassurance, by giving her affection even when he was distracted by other things.

Some men can actually be happy with dependent women, can take on the responsibility involved, once they understand it. And, because such wives if constantly reassured of love can return it abundantly, the reward makes it worthwhile.

But the demand on the husband is great, and few men are strong enough to carry the entire load.

They needn't.

Always the most practical solution is for the wife herself to gain some insight. If the husband takes the lead, there's more than one way to get this accomplished.

Do you know a type of woman seemingly very different from Jody Blake? She, too, is otherwise lovable, but with a specific blind spot: An inability to admit she's wrong—even on the mildest issue. Whether it's a discussion or a course of action she's undertaken, she *has* to be right. And when things go wrong, she blames somebody else—usually her husband.

You probably know half a dozen such women. At least, I do in my own circle of friends. I've seen and heard them in action—at bridge, at parties, at dinners. I've seen desperate looks come over their husbands' faces, and I've seen the husbands try every defensive tactic.

One husband, after years of meek agreement, turned to argument. And once, in our living room, there was an outright explosion. I've forgotten what the matter was, but I remember it wasn't worth an argument. Finally, unable to silence his wife or take it any longer, Dan almost helplessly yelled, created a scene, and gave vent to stored-up wrath.

It was this scene which brought the problem to a head. And luckily. For when his wife had fled, Dan remained to make apologies, and one of our friends offered a quiet suggestion which Dan took up next day.

Gently, but firmly he persuaded Claire that they needed outside help. He got her to agree to go—not to a psychiatrist which their town didn't have—but to a family-service agency in a nearby city. And he succeeded in doing so by agreeing to go with her.

There the fact came out that Claire, with her unrelenting need to be right, to win every argument, was that way because she wanted to be loved.

Fantastic? Yet the pattern is a common one.

Recall your own childhood, which may have been completely normal, with no shortage of love. Yet, because it often happens that way, love may have been given by one or both of your parents, at least occasionally, as a *reward* for good behavior or on condition that you would be good.

Claire, however, as a child had felt deprived of love generally and had gotten demonstrations of it *only* on such conditions. As a result, quite naturally, she had come to set great importance on being good. Inevitably, she had come to feel that goodness is the basis for receiving love: If she wasn't good, she wouldn't be loved. From there, it's just a step to having to insist that she *is* good. [*Turn to page 240*

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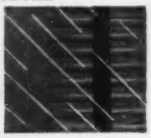

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It's a defense, and so is another habit that frequently becomes involved. "The woman who feels that she has not been loved enough," Doctor Hollis points out, "may have a strong need to believe that this is not her own fault, not a punishment for her lacks and misdeeds, not something that she deserves." Carry this over to married life, and it becomes hard for such a woman ever to admit her own part in a family problem.

Does she have to be made over before she can understand and be rid of these tendencies?

Claire didn't. In a dozen interviews with the counselor—and after the first few, she continued them without Dan—she gained enough insight not only to understand the force driving her but to gain some control over it.

Similar results are possible for many women if they really want to be helped.

The whole process is aided when the husband understands; when, aware of the cause of the trouble, he not merely encourages his wife to seek help but lends support while she's getting it.

This is equally true for the almost incredible variety of difficulties caused by the second trait: *Some women are all snarled up with their folks—not, it must be emphasized, with direct interference from in-laws, but, instead, with their own buried and twisted attitudes and feelings toward their parents.*

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Which is exactly what she was being—but unknowingly.

Celia had been very close to her father all through her childhood. Her admiration of him had been unbounded. And not without reason. He had, indeed, been a pleasant companion. He was a nature-lover, and she remembered how she enjoyed being with him on picnics and on walks through the woods. Quite a contrast to Bill, her husband, who was much more interested in baseball.

There were other contrasts. But Celia didn't know she was making them. She had no idea that when she nagged Bill, when she tried to reform him, what she was really trying to do was to make him just like her father.

If she had recognized her efforts for what they were, she would have been the first to admit that they weren't fair to Bill or herself. He had his own strong points, and she loved them.

She *did* come to recognize how she was dominated by her tie with her father. The picture didn't emerge whole—and all at once. It was put together from little isolated remarks she let drop during the

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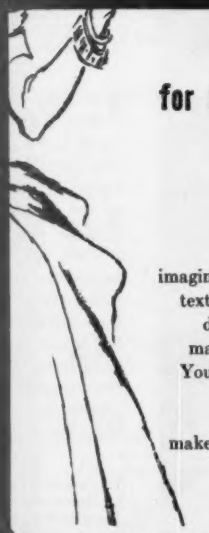

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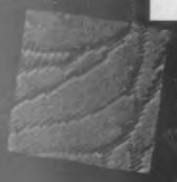

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course of conversations with a family counselor. She was astounded when the pattern became clear. When she understood, she not only stopped nagging, but her love of and responsiveness to Bill became more steady.

Women like Celia are not uncommon—and for clear-cut reasons.

Our feelings about our fathers and mothers are immensely important in determining our adult love relationships. And girls face greater hazards here than boys.

For all children, their mother is of primary importance during babyhood. It's she who supplies care, while Father makes only intermittent appearances. Later, however, Father takes his place, assumes a personality of his own, with his own charms and functions. Boys and girls alike discover that their parents are two individuals.

For a boy, however, women *remain* the major love interest throughout life. Girls have to take an *extra* step—have to switch their basic love interest from women to men.

By the time she's 4 or 5, a girl has accomplished this, has in fact become very fond of her father. So much so that, quite typically, she wants to be first with him and even gets into a feeling of rivalry with her mother. It's a surprisingly intense feeling. Few adults realize its strength.

When a mother can understand and accept her little daughter's occasional hostility (and at the same time assure her of love), and when the relationship between father and mother *is* secure, the child gradually settles down and develops a satisfying relationship with both parents.

But not all girls emerge successfully from this period. Some continue to be so bound up with their fathers that they aren't free to give themselves fully in marriage.

There are also women who, thwarted or at least feeling that they were thwarted by their fathers, carry over a great hostility toward men. They're distrustful of all men, even their husbands.

Other women who have *hostile* feelings toward their fathers may tend to unleash them on their husbands. One woman with deep hostility toward her father—"The only time we children were happy was when he was not at home"—went through periods when she poured totally unjust criticism on her husband. Suddenly imagining a way in which her husband was like her father, she would be compelled to criticize him.

After she had been led to get her hostility toward her father out of her system, she was able to separate her feelings for her husband from those she bore for her father.

For women who act irrationally because of parental ties, as well as for those emotionally dependent, insight is the great need.

Some husbands with thorough understanding, great patience, and tact, may help their wives to identify the forces gnawing on their marriage. Even when the aid of a skilled third party is required, it's often up to the husband to recognize the trouble and encourage his wife to seek the outside help.

The third trait is as widespread as the two already mentioned and often more obvious:

There are women who, without realizing it, have an actual need to make themselves miserable.

Here, for example, is Mrs. Willis, on whose otherwise pleasant face there appears from time to time signs of hopelessness and misery. At such moments, Mr. Willis knows that he is in for hours of futility.

Mrs. Willis' complaints are many-sided. Her health—it isn't good. Her clothes—she has practically none to wear. And she gets no recreation, no fun.

But what are the facts?

After her last child, her doctor had suggested that she come back for a checkup, and her husband had tried to get her to do so. Somehow she never had time.

No clothes! Yet she has never once asked her husband for money to buy clothes. And when he offers to go shopping with her, Mrs. Willis finds some excuse for not going.

Lack of recreation? The fact is, she always refuses, on one ground or another—because of "poor health" or "no clothes"—to go out.

The inescapable truth is that Mrs. Willis has inflicted unhappiness upon herself. Without in any way understanding it, she has had

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AN old Dutch pastor, famous for the few divorces which resulted from the marriage ceremonies he performed, was asked for his secret. He led the questioner to the rear of his chapel and pointed to a brass basin filled with water, on the surface of which floated two exquisite china bowls.

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a need to be a martyr, to suffer, and to be miserable.

The reasons may trace back to twisted feelings which arose because the only attention she got from her parents as a child was punishment. She gets a kind of perverted pleasure out of punishing herself now.

Sometimes authorities place the blame elsewhere. It's only natural for all human beings to have occasional feelings of hostility and aggressiveness. You have them, and I have them, and we don't think it terrible and immoral that we do. But such feelings, in our society, are not considered to be proper in a woman. They're "unfeminine." It's a queer and inhuman kind of perfectionism we expect of "femininity." The result is that many women don't permit themselves direct expression of aggressions. They turn their hostilities inward and make themselves suffer.

Such women require help—and may be helped by their husbands.

For although the need for punishment may be present, it may not be of great strength. And while suffering may be pleasant in a way, it is also painful. Frequently, a woman will respond to an opportunity to change if she sees that change is possible.

How can that be done?

First, she can be led—kindly but firmly—to recognize that she seeks to suffer and that she actually turns down opportunities for fun.

She can be encouraged, at the same time, to change. Unlike many others, here's a woman who needs to be *more* self-assertive, needs to know she has a right to have comforts, needs to be actively helped to want and to accept them.

The occasional offer of a husband to take such a wife on a shopping tour, for example, is wasted effort. So is the casual "Let's go out to a movie."

Much more likely to help is the quietly and consistently determined effort—the quiet but firm refusal to take "no" for an answer.

In addition, a woman like Mrs. Willis needs sincere appreciation, compliments, and recognition for her good points.

The fourth factor may strike you as entirely screwball. Although it's fairly common, it is not always easy to recognize.

There are women who, even though they may not realize it, just plain dislike being women.

Eleanor Charles is a flagrant example: A woman who had no real desire for children. She never had admitted this—not even to herself. Yet, somehow, there had always been "reasons" for postponement, and it wasn't until five years after her marriage that her first child was born.

Even with two children, Ellie insisted upon working—and her job was a technical one, a man's job. She disliked housework and candidly said so, had a strong need to control her own money, and constantly tried to dominate the home.

As a little girl, Ellie had been strongly attached to her father. Ellie began to feel that her mother was jealous of the closeness between daughter and father, began to feel too that her only hope of keeping her mother's love was to give up anything that might lead to rivalry. Unconsciously, Ellie became afraid to develop into an adult woman sexually.

There were other factors. During her adolescence, Ellie's father interfered with her development by discouraging relationships with boys. And he even encouraged her to take up his trade, a technical, masculine one.

Ellie Charles' case is the rare kind because it is so extreme.

As a general rule, most women, Doctor Hollis notes, have certain characteristics or ways of feeling and behaving.

They find pleasure in the jobs involved in making a comfortable and attractive home.

They enjoy, and have some natural skill in, caring for children.

They prefer to stay in the home rather than work if they have children, unless work is necessary for financial reasons.

They have no marked need to dominate or be aggressive.

Ellie Charles ran counter to every one of these.

Much more often, however, a woman will lack only two or three of these normal characteristics. What is really the trouble is not so much a *complete* lack of any of them as a kind of wavering between wanting and not wanting to be a woman.

Few women entirely escape occasional feelings of resentment against men in general and their husbands in particular. The average woman, say some authorities, resents her husband at times because she feels inferior just because she is a woman.

This is still a masculine-dominated world. And, living in it, women may store up frustrations. Every now and again, without knowing why, they may turn on their husbands.

From childhood on, women are taught that men can do things women can't do—just because they're men. Many girls also acquire the feeling that their domestic role is an inferior one. And, in the business and professional world, there is still no over-all equality of the sexes; men more easily get better jobs, better pay.

As a kind of compensation for their feelings of inferiority, some women belittle their husbands, others become domineering.

Marriage itself introduces complications. If you're a more or less average couple, it was probably more difficult for your wife to adjust to marriage than it was for you.

For one thing, she is much more dependent upon you than you are upon her. She may have left her job, given up independence to become completely dependent.

For another, after marriage, you went right on with the work you had been doing, while your wife had to undertake entirely new obligations and functions. For her, marriage became a full-time job, while for you it is a part-time one.

It is a good idea for you to compensate your wife a little for the handicaps of womanhood.

You can return to her some degree, at least, of economic freedom through an arrangement under which it isn't necessary for her to be constantly asking for money.

You can appreciate the importance of her contributions to the family, recognize that they are as vital as yours. You can understand that your wife's job in the home requires, no less than does yours in business, the learning of skills. And you can show your understanding and appreciation, not in sporadic outbursts of excessive compliments, but quietly and consistently in your whole attitude.

Healthy at all times, such efforts on the part of the husband become even more so when any trouble between him and his wife is the result of her dissatisfaction with being a woman.

Obviously, the trouble with an Ellie Charles is much too deep-seated to be materially helped in this way. But in other cases, there's much the husband can do to remove his wife's feelings of inferiority, to make being a woman more attractive to her.

The husband who doesn't throw up his hands helplessly when symptoms of any of these four troublesome traits appear, but who recognizes them has a good chance of helping his wife.

But, finally, we have to come to an unavoidable fact: Although this article concentrates, as indicated in the beginning, on the difficulties of wives, it can't entirely omit mention of the difficulties of husbands.

The very same factors that make wives tough to live with at times also operate in husbands. They, too, may have excessive emotional dependence, encumbering parental ties, a subtle need to suffer. They may even be rejecting, to a degree, the obligations of being a man.

Husbands as well as wives may need help. And can get it.

The happy fact is that there is no arbitrarily and hopelessly contrary person—man or woman—however difficult and exasperating he or she may seem to be.

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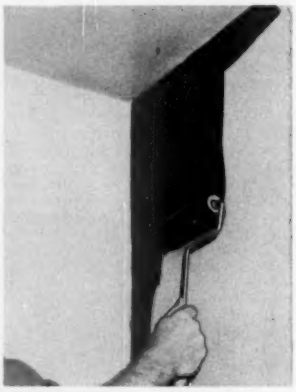
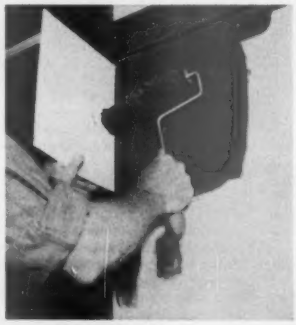
Attach tray. If you use a stepladder and a dip-type roller, hook tray to top step. Anchor with heavy rubber band. If you stand on floor, set tray on table about 30 inches high to avoid stooping. Stir paint or enamel thoroughly before filling tray, but don't thin finish beyond good brushing consistency for best results

Edges. Before you start with roller, use brush to apply strip of paint along edges. On large areas, do this "cutting in" as you progress with rolling, especially with fast-drying paint or enamel. That way, you can avoid lap marks which might show if paint becomes tacky. Between uses of brush, wrap it with foil to retard drying



Rolling on paint. Start wall painting in upper left-hand corner, rolling on 2-foot strips from ceiling to baseboard. Roll with light, even strokes, first up and down, then crosswise to distribute paint evenly. Start loaded roller away from surface already painted, and work toward it. On ceilings, paint in strips from left to right. Keep strips narrow so you can apply second strip before edge of first gets tacky and shows up as a lap mark



Woodwork guard. To keep paint off woodwork, use cardboard square as a paint guard. Don't run roller too fast, or paint will spray from edge. Self-feeding roller applies quart of paint with one filling. To load dip-type roller, run it lightly into paint tray to saturate cover. Squeeze out surplus on tray bottom above paint. Don't get paint inside roller, or it may drip. Use short nap on smooth surface

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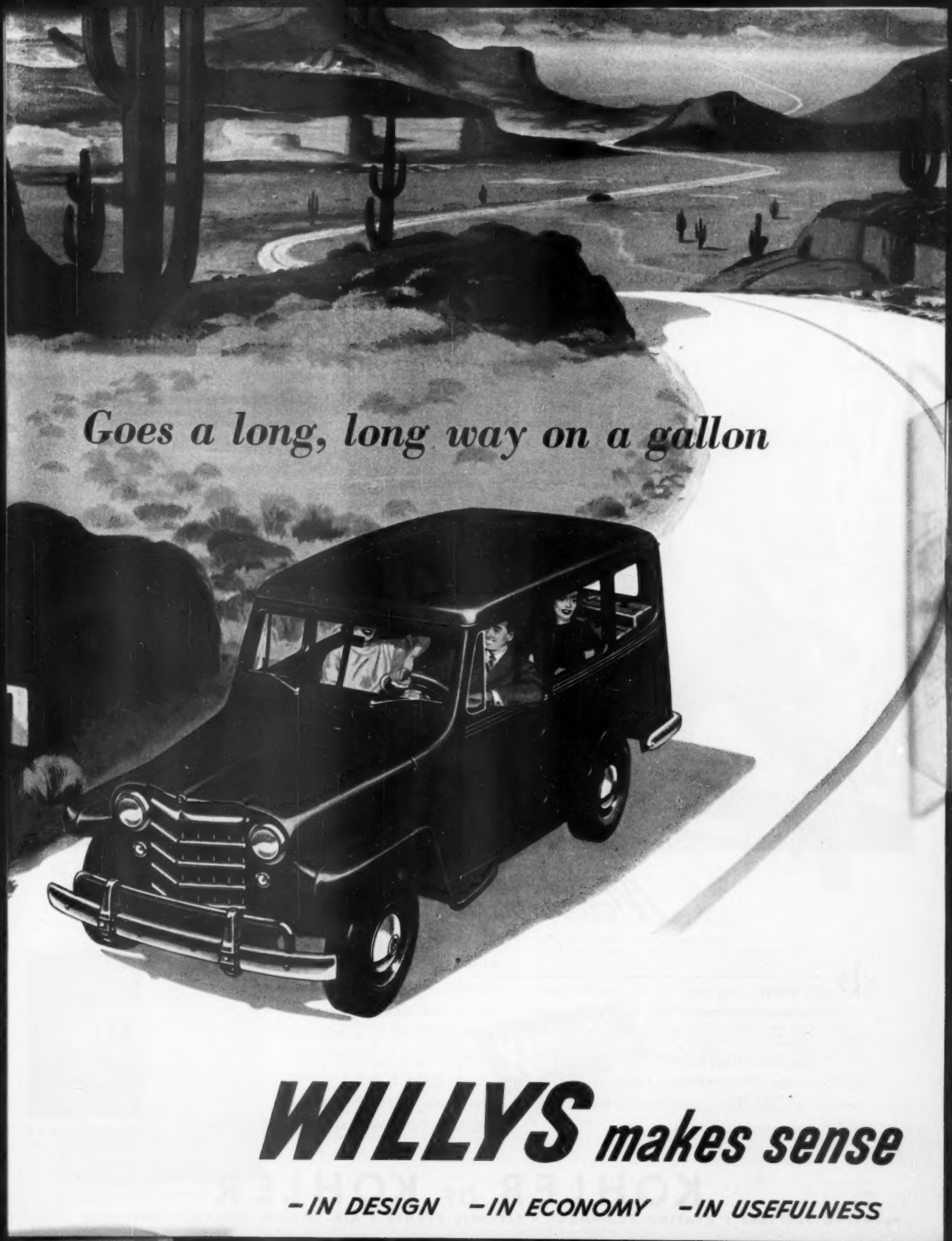
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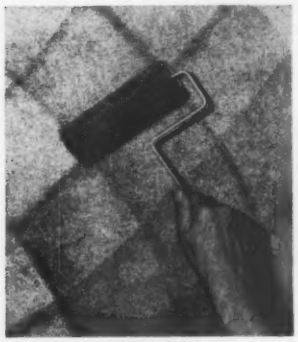
Overnight storage. If roller is to be used again the next day with same paint, submerge it in water overnight to keep paint from hardening. This may be done with either water-mix or oil-base paint. Remove water by running roller over clean newspapers. Never let paint, varnish, or enamel dry on roller's cover

Cleaning roller. When the painting job is finished, wipe surplus paint from roller with a piece of wood or metal shaped to fit curve. Wipe out tray, and fill with solvent. Use tray to wash roller thoroughly; two changes of solvent may be needed. Then wash with soap and water, and let dry. Don't clean lamb's wool with alcohol or lacquer thinner. With water-mix paint, soap and water alone will do the cleaning job

Comb lamb's wool. If a lamb's-wool roller becomes matted, you can restore fluffiness. Let roller dry, then comb carefully with a coarse pocket comb. Wrap roller in paper or foil when not in use to keep it clean. Keep metal parts of the roller clean, too, especially the moving bearings



Special effects. A stippling roller with a coarse nap can be used to get a mottled design. Load roller by running lightly over paint liberally brushed on a piece of wood, metal, or glass. Heavy-textured effects are produced by going over a surface twice. Stippling is done by running roller over paint that has become tacky, or by using a heavy-textured type of paint

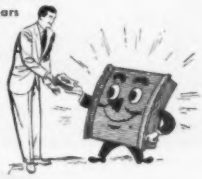
Q. Which is most important in an insulation?

☐ Vaporseal ☐ Uniform thickness ☐ Double heat loss barrier

A. Be sure to have all three. In an insulation like Reflective KIMSUL*, the many-layer fiber blanket *resists* heat loss and the aluminum foil cover *reflects* heat back into the house. This double protection is the most effective method of stopping heat loss ever devised. Uniform thickness—to prevent thin and thick spots (a feature of Regular KIMSUL, too)—is assured with the exclusive stitched blanket construction. Unlike other insulations, thickness can't vary with age or because of improper installation. The aluminum foil cover also acts as a vaporseal to prevent condensation in walls and keep humidity at the comfort level.

Q. How soon does insulation pay for itself?

☐ 1 to 4 years ☐ Never ☐ About 30 years



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Q. Where should a new house be insulated for proper protection?

☐ Around foundations ☐ Attic and sidewalls ☐ Between floors

A. Both attic and sidewalls should be insulated to stop the greatest percentage of heat loss. Be sure, too, that the insulation has been applied in adequate thickness at these points, and around doors and windows. It must also be resistant to fire, vermin and mold. Investigate to make sure that an "insulated" house is *properly* insulated.

Q. Can I install my own insulation?

☐ If you're under 35 ☐ Never ☐ Yes

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Living space from a useless porch

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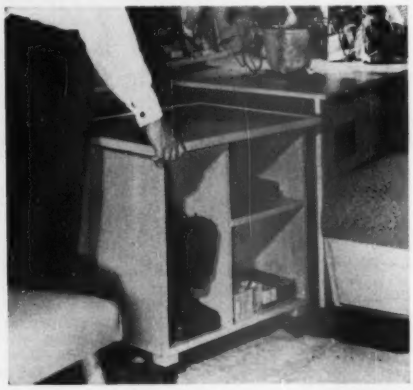
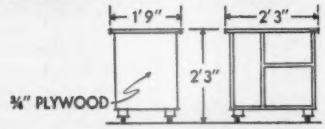
where the old door to the porch used to be. We added two steel casement windows and a picture window between supporting posts in one wall, built the other walls solid. The window between living room and porch we glazed on the living-room side with flesh-tinted mirrors. We put down a black terrazzo floor with a green stripe, and used rift oak and striated plywood on the walls for texture and quiet tone.

We used to use the old porch not more than half a dozen times a year. There aren't six times a year we *don't* use that converted space now—every last inch of it.





Cabinet which rolls out of recess beside built-in seat is specifically designed for movie projector (see detailed sketch above). Table top serves as projecting surface. Shelves are for films. With plug and switch handy beside seat, we never have to get up during movie show to control lights

Built-in seats are quickly converted into comfortable beds. Since room is air-conditioned, we often sleep here in summer. Drawers below beds hold card tables and chairs. Because everything is built in, the room's rather odd dimensions—9x17—are an asset, not a drawback

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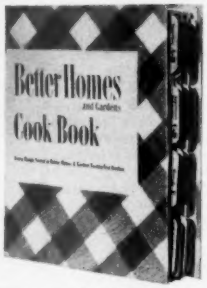

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Rough materials

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Wardrobe in owners' bedroom has trays for clothing. Because there are windows above dressing table, mirror is concealed in wardrobe

Texture of doors is strong. These heavy doors close off living room from entry. They're built of cedar, adzed to give rough-hewn effect

Main exterior doors of house are Dutch doors. When both are open, movement of air through them helps keep house cool and comfortable

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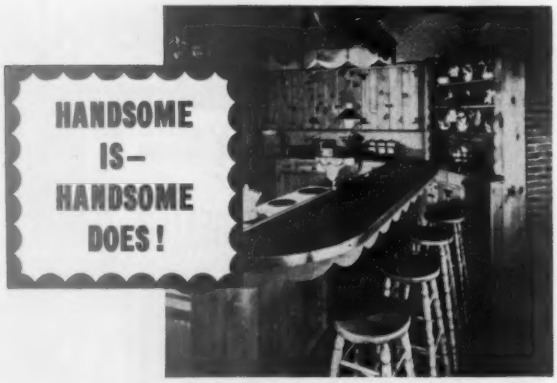

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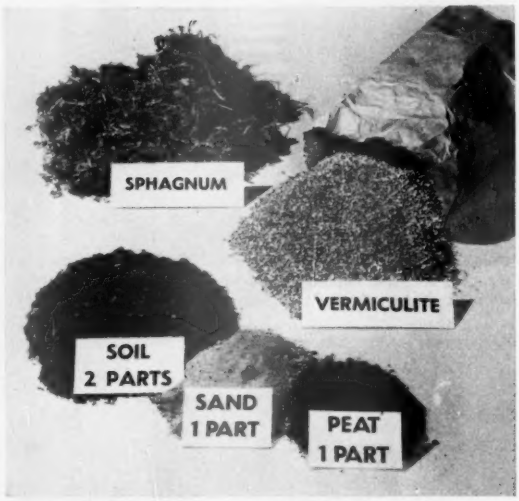
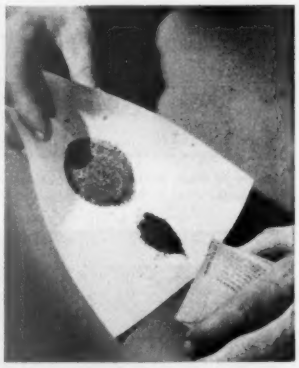


You can use sphagnum moss, vermiculite, or soil sand-peat mixture to start tiny seeds. The germinating seedlings are so delicate that neglect at this critical time can cause death. Barely cover seeds, or not at all. Use of moss or vermiculite prevents spread of disease

Since there is no plant food in moss or vermiculite, one or two light feedings of liquid plant food must be given seedlings. If soil is used and it's poor, use proportions of soil, sand, and peat shown (above). To avoid sowing seed too thick, use the proportions of seeds and sand shown (right). Pour in packet; shake before sowing



You can start the tiny seeds of petunias and snapdragons indoors on an unglazed brick set in a pan of water. Cover top with about 1 inch of good soil. Level and firm top and edges. Sprinkle seed-sand mixture uniformly over moist soil by tapping the hand holding open seed packet with finger

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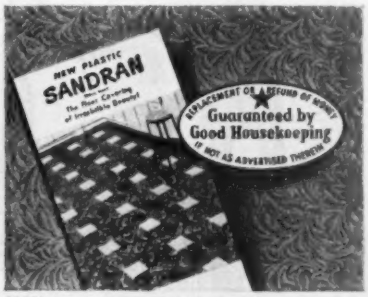

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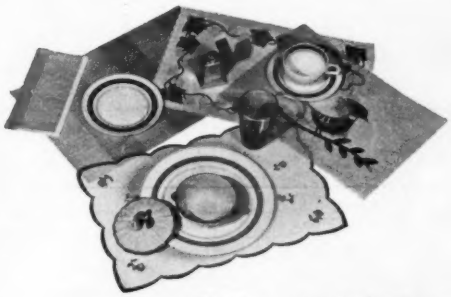
Pretty place mats

By Jani Beals

You don't have to bother about laundering them!

You can forget about washing and ironing your table linen when you use these place mats. Just wipe them lightly with a damp cloth—and they will come away spotless.

They come in plastic, glazed paper, straw fiber, composition, bamboo, woven straw, and liquid-resistant fabrics. Some of them go with your finest china to a company meal. Others flatter pottery or spark up the breakfast table. All are handsome and easy to clean.



If your dishes have a green band or decoration, these mats will show them off. Top row: Handsome, two-toned green paper place mat with matching napkin. Informal ivy pattern place mat in paper. Yellow pebbled paper mat with jaunty green bird. Below: Plastic mat with dainty painted rosebuds, border scallop

You'll like these place mats if your taste runs to popular Provincial, and your dishes have a bold, flowery pattern. Upper row, left to right: Lovely, gold-woven straw fiber mat with gold-and-gray leaf napkin holder. Bamboo stick mat crossed by brown bands. Smart coffee-brown oval straw. Below: A generous-sized Hawaiian place mat of wide basket-weave fiber

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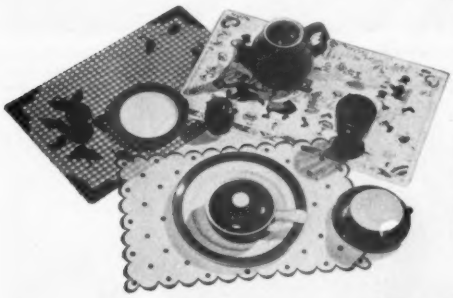

If you like to brighten your breakfast table with red, these place mats will do the trick. Top row: Red-checked plastic mat with bold apple design. Gay Swedish-pattern mat of plastic-coated composition. Below: Scalloped plastic mat with red polka dots and border

These place mats make elegant backgrounds for your loveliest china. Top row: Smart paper mat and matching napkin for a modern table. Circular emerald mat of exquisite plastic braid. Below: Chartreuse mat of liquid-resistant fabric with woven braid border. For dramatic effect when company comes, hang half of mat over edge of table

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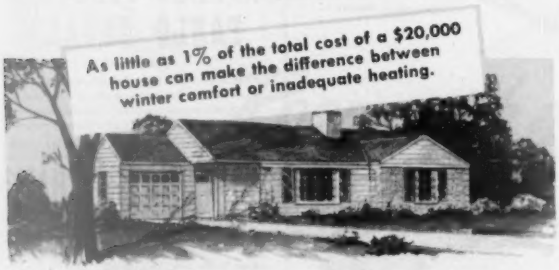

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Small seedlings

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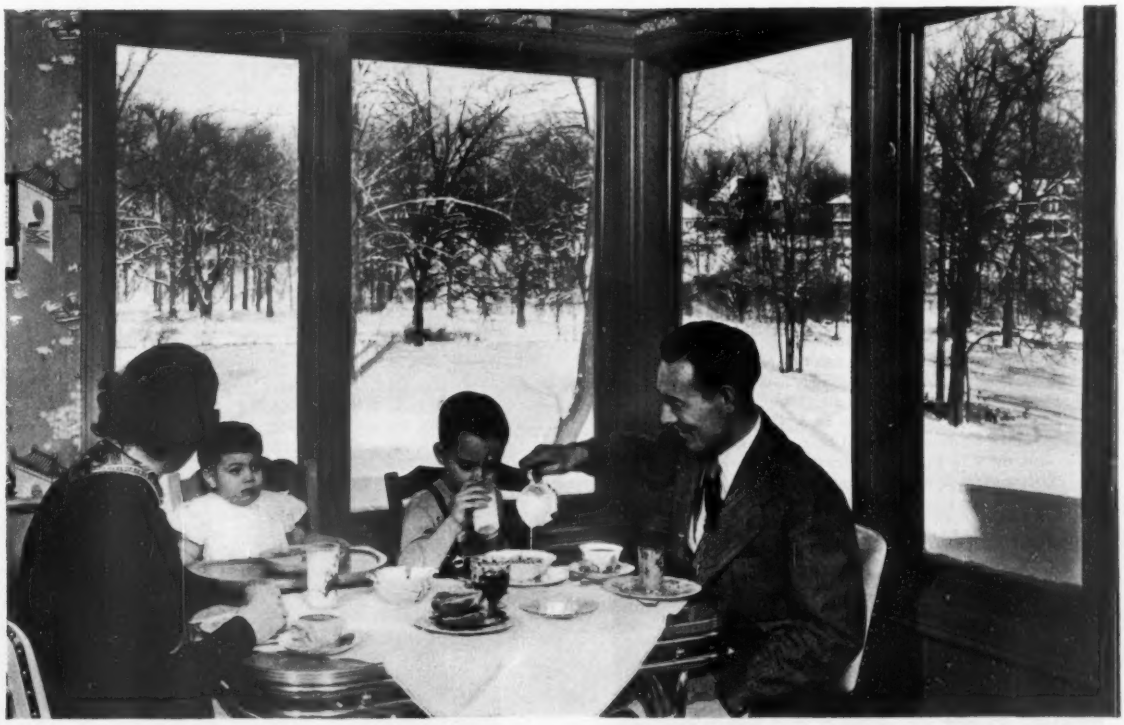
Set brick in light, warm place such as the kitchen. Keep piepan filled with water, and the brick will take up enough water to keep soil moist. Transplant seedlings to box, spacing two inches apart

Rub dry sphagnum moss across screen wire to make fine. Soak in water, wring out excess, and spread about ¾ inch thick over soil. Firm moss, sow seed, and cover with glass. Give air as seedlings show

The tiny seeds of begonias were sown on sphagnum moss with this good stand resulting. The moss didn't allow disease to attack the seedlings. Liquid plant food was given because there is no plant food in moss. Seedlings are now large enough to transplant to pots



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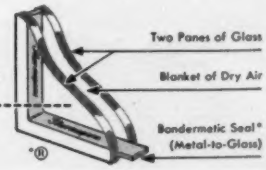


Handsome furniture you can build

By John Webster

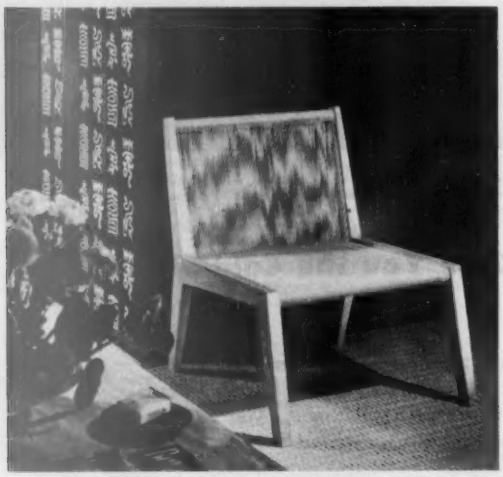
Many family budgets expire on the doorstep of a new home. They just can't be revived to buy the basic chairs, tables, and cabinets every home needs.

If you have watched high building costs shrink your bank account to near zero, you will be interested in the furniture pictured here. It was designed and built by Sam Maloof of Ontario, California.

Sam is a professional designer and builder of fine furniture. But he also has the interests of amateurs at heart—Sam is a young man with the responsibilities of a new business, a new family, a new home. He knows what it is like to have no furniture to move into a new home, for it happened to him.

So Sam designed and built the furniture you see here, handsome, but simple enough so it can be duplicated with hand tools by any unskilled handyman.

Cord makes back, seat of string chair



TO MAKE your furniture-building project easy, *Better Homes & Gardens* has had patterns of all these pieces prepared by the Easi-Bild Pattern Company. Each major part is pictured full size, so you simply lay the pattern on wood, trace, and cut. Complete materials lists are included.

In this string chair, heavy wrapping cord, about 1/8 inch thick, adds comfort. You can use colored cord, or dye white cord to fit your room. If you have access to a band saw, you can speed cutting of back legs. But with a pattern, it isn't difficult to cut them accurately with a sharp handsaw.

A big coffee table, for less than $5

THE TOP of this good-looking coffee table is a fooler. It is built of 3/4-inch fir plywood. But edge strips hide the sandwich look of the plywood edges, give the effect of a slab top 2 inches thick. As an alternate, you could cut top from plastic-covered plywood and cover edges with metal strips.

If the dowels projecting from the base are left unglued, they will keep the top from sliding sideways, but it can be lifted off. Cost of this table shouldn't exceed $5 if you build it yourself, less if you can use scrap material. Patterns and patience will make the job easy.

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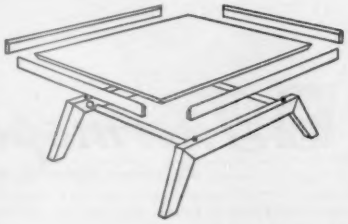
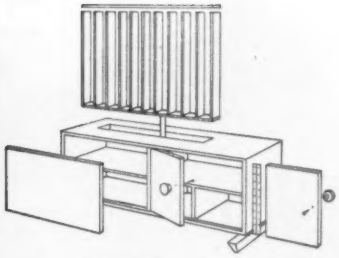
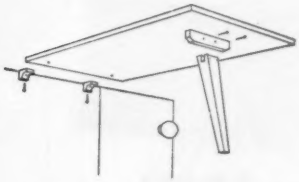


Cabinet, grill, and dining table in one efficient unit



Exploded view shows cabinet details



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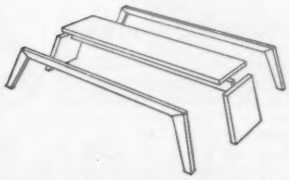

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IN A combination living-dining room, it often is desirable to separate living and dining areas. That is the basic advantage of this design.

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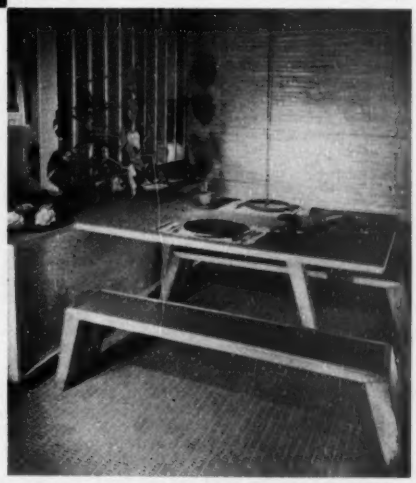
This is living-room side of storage cabinet, opened to show arrangement of shelves and sunken planter box. Other half of cabinet opens on dining side



Tops of dining table, benches, and cabinet are covered with 1/16-inch cork. It is held with linoleum paste, finished with wax. Tops could be covered with linoleum or enamel

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miles due west. And Jody didn't finish her dozens of sketches of the little town, where the turning of every corner showed a more fascinating view, nor I my research in the Cathedral's archives with its priceless records of Alamos' history.

Time for parting had come; time also to again face the realities and high cost of living in that good old country north of the border. Our carefully kept, 6-month records revealed that our cost-of-living bill had averaged $75 per month! And we had lived abundantly.

Jody had a good farewell cry with Pancha and Josefa; I had a last round of *saludi* (your healths) with the boys. Slowly we drove through the cobblestone *calles* of Alamos, now so much a part of us, drank in the charm and mellow beauty of its ancient, some half-crumbling but always proud *casas*, then: *adios* and *hasta luego* (au revoir).

> ***When Father Bear growls***
>
> Upturned faces, mouths agape,
> Four eyes round with awe.
> Daddy is a sight to see
> When he lays down the law!
> Daddy's voice is strong and stern.
> Little people—hear him speak.
> Daddy's discipline is good—
> He tries it once a week!
>
> —*Billie W. Dean*

In retrospect, this we can say in all sincerity. Never have we enjoyed an experience as much as we did our 6 months in Alamos. The two excellent doctors or the two well-stocked drugstores never made a penny out of us; we weren't sick a day. Never did we spend a *peso* in a curio shop; not a single such animal could be found in Alamos. Neither did we ever run across the run-of-the-mill tourist-town "guide," or panhandler. The only precaution we ever took to keep healthy was this: We never drank unboiled water, never ate raw foods, except fruits. These we washed before peeling. And we always scalded our dishes.

In view of Alamos' easy accessibility, it is an inexplicable phenomenon to us why so few tourists ever visit it.

It's true we did not find luxurious hotels, motor courts, or expensive restaurants. The accommodations were then definitely primitive, limited—but clean; the eating places were fascinating but to most, uninviting. But it would be a simple matter to bring along a few pots and pans, a pressure cooker, camp stove, and a radio that works on AC, DC, *and* battery. With this equipment, you could set up housekeeping in the Alamos Hotel—or the Yaqui Desert.

As to the plumbing, sorry—Chick Sales only, but easily kept sanitary. If a longer stay is contemplated, modern plumbing can be installed in a jiffy, at low cost.

In short, life in Alamos to us was not a hardship, but a pleasure. We left Alamos feeling that we were leaving behind us, temporarily, 3,000 friends. It certainly had a great variety of things to offer: beautiful architecture, hunting and fishing, treasure hunting, or prospecting for the adventurous.

But it shines most invitingly as a little Paradise for the plain artistic loafer or for those, old or young, single or otherwise, male or female, who are not blessed with an overload of worldly goods. For those who are looking for an ideal place to retire on a modest income, we found Alamos to be the answer.

And, in looking back, I often recall the unforgettable *fiesta* given us by our *muy amigo* (good friend) *El General de Caballeria* (General of Cavalry) Ramon Limon, the man who is entrusted with the task of keeping on friendly terms with the fierce Yaqui Indians in southern Sonora. We had toasted this, that, and other things; never were bonds of friendship between our countries more firmly cemented. And never had my good senora danced more strenuously, as the only *norte americana* present, with all the high, intermediate, and low brass, and finally with the most eager dancers of them all, the Mexican G.I's.

"You see, Don Jay," the General, whom I called just plain "lemon" at his own insistent request, opined, "you in the north are wealthy, powerful; you rule the world. You have *everything* . . . except, *me parece* (it seems to me), something you may have forgotten, or maybe never learned. That, for your own peace of mind, you should try to learn from us Mexicanos. We have little, require little; we are satisfied with little. We don't worry—we know how to enjoy life."

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Housebreaking's no inside job. Take your pup for a walk five times a day

By Russell K. Lowry

By all odds, the first item in dog training is housebreaking. A new pup's just got to learn decent manners. That's all there is to it.

Lots of people get flustered when they tackle the job of housebreaking. They become excited and lose their tempers at what they think is stubbornness or plain stupidity. They will berate a poor puppy, beat him up, cuss him out, and otherwise get him so frightened and confused, he doesn't know whether he's coming or going.

Of course, a young pup's intelligence is practically zero. But right from birth, it's amazing how easily a pup can distinguish between right and wrong, if given half a chance. Then, dogs are anxious to learn and they want to please. Which is another way of saying it's really easy to housebreak a pup. In fact, we've accomplished the feat any number of times in one day. And our dogs are no more brilliant than the other fellow's.

For one thing, we shy away from "paper breaking" . . . the practice of laying out some newspapers in the corner of the room and shoving, coaxing, or plopping the pup in the midst of them at propitious moments. This is bad business, any way you look at it. And it only makes the job of switching over to outdoor habits later doubly tough. I've known dogs to be given away or put to sleep because they couldn't be persuaded to give up their newspaper ways when they grew up. Owners of other dogs go right on living with pets who continue the newspaper habit all their lives, shrugging their shoulders and accepting the indoor business as a necessary routine.

Dogs are creatures of habit. Once a dog has gotten into the habit of using newspapers indoors—that's it! From then on, nowhere else will do. So we avoid the newspaper training as we would the plague. Right off the bat, we take our pups outdoors five times daily *on a leash.* We set these airings by the clock, because a dog gets used to regularity and habit.

When a pup has an indoor accident, we get in a whack across

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his rump with a folded newspaper, right in the midst of the wrong act, so as to associate the punishment with the crime. A spanking administered even 5 or 10 minutes after any wrongdoing has no meaning. The punished pup only regards you as some kind of domineering oaf and wonders what all the rumpus is about.

The newspaper doesn't really hurt. But the noise creates quite an impression on the pup. We immediately throw in a severe scolding and finger-shaking, to add more drama to the situation . . . all to impress the pup he's a bum and a no-good unless he mends his ways.

The routine we've outlined makes housebreaking comparatively simple. And it's really fun to watch a youngster buckle down and do his part in learning manners. Our latest triumph was with a female Boxer of 4 months. In one evening, mind you, we taught this little girl the ropes. She had one accident . . . and that's all. That was over a month ago. Since that first night, she has been as dependable as the clock on the wall. When she has to "go," she walks around in circles and barks. Of course, we play up to this and immediately take her out. After she has performed, we praise her to the skies, as though she were a grand-opera prima donna. And she loves it. Dogs go for praise . . . hook, line, and sinker. Which is a good thing to remember in all kinds of training you are attempting.

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Our female Cocker weighs 40 pounds and is getting broader and fatter every day. We have always fed her all she wanted three times a day. Are we feeding her too much?—F. E. C., Indiana.

No question about it, your dog is food-crazy. Cut down on amount of food gradually till you're feeding about 12 ounces total, per day. Step up quantity of protein (meat); lessen amount of carbohydrate (sugar and starches). Remember, it's for the dog's own good that you do this.

Our dog always has runny eyes. Does this indicate she isn't getting enough vitamins?—E. L. W., Wisconsin.

Runny or mattery eyes are usually a sign of vitamin A deficiency. This is easily corrected by including a half cup of raw, chopped carrots in the daily food dish. For a few weeks, also give the dog a vitamin A capsule, 25,000 USP, every other day. This will build up a reserve.

I cannot keep my two female dogs together because they always fight. I tried putting them together in a room out of sight, thinking they would desist if I wasn't watching, but it didn't work.—Miss A. C. T., New York.

Once two dogs of like sex decide to battle it out, even the United Nations can't help. It's an everyday problem in professional kennels, where a male and female have to be paired off in each pen as a rule. Sorry, but that's the situation, and there's no help for it.

Tonight after eating, my dog wobbled and swayed, then collapsed from weakness. His hind legs seemed useless. He has never been sick, though I know he's too fat. Please advise me what to do.—Mrs. H. H., Illinois.

Most common cause of posterior paralysis or collapse is vitamin B deficiency in the regular diet. "Too fat" also points to wrong feeding. Step up the meat supply, cooking it only slightly. Remember that excessive cooking destroys valuable vitamin B. Mash up two brewers' yeast tablets and mix them right in with the daily food. At the same time, cut down on all starchy foods somewhat. Feed no sweets, ice cream, or other "goodies." They're not for dogs.

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Laguna, between the golden-green hills and the ocean, is an artists' colony with a long crescent beach broken by sea-etched caverns 50 feet below the bluff homes.

Here is an odd clue to what to expect of Laguna—along its main street of ceramic shops, art galleries, restaurants, and hotels is a neat little store devoted entirely to the sale of olives—giant olives, ripe olives, green olives, stuffed olives, exotic olives, strange olives, unheard-of olives! That's Laguna.

From June to October, you will pay $60 to $80 a week for good accommodations, the rest of the year, $40 to $50.

Balboa is the tip of a sand peninsula between Newport Bay and the ocean; Balboa Island is a residential community of deepwater yachtsmen, sport fishermen, and motion-picture people. Your family can live handsomely in Balboa, but the time of year makes quite a money difference here, because Newport-Balboa is a favorite vacation spot for Los Angeles people from June to September. The other eight months of the year, your family can live in a fine apartment with picture windows looking over the ocean or bay for $30 to $50 a week. Summer means crowded weekends, and many of the best houses and apartments are not available; good accommodations will cost you $60 to $80 for your week.

Balboa will give your family the fun of surf swimming, of easy swimming in the bay, of watching the big yachts of Errol Flynn, Jimmy Cagney, and Humphrey Bogart rocking at anchor; of trying for corbina, yellow fin, and sea bass from the long Newport pier or gambling with the sea for barracuda and marlin in a fishing boat. A 10-day

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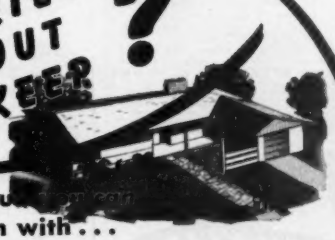

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clothes at home and go directly into the water at either Balboa or Laguna.

Your first evening's dinner should be an event. At Laguna there's a famous place—Victor Hugo's—on the ocean at the northern part of town. It's only one of a dozen good restaurants in town, however. Two dollars a person will cover dinner.

On Balboa Island there is a small place, the Cape Cod House, run by a couple from Boston who do very well with seafood, especially abalone, a California specialty. (There's a state law prohibiting its export.)

You can finish this comfortable, get-acquainted day with a drive in late evening along the coast highway south to Dana Point; try to make it just after sundown. The sky and the ocean, the white houses on the cliffs, the waves riding in like white horses are unforgettable.

Second day

You're off early, headed north for Los Angeles on the coast highway, U.S. 101 Alternate. Five miles north of Newport is Huntington Beach, with two miles of the finest ocean beach anywhere. Huntington Beach is a forest of oil-well derricks, many of them whipstocked under the ocean bottom. (Whipstocking is a method of drilling from the shore at an angle to bring in oil a mile down and almost a mile out from shore.)

Here at Huntington Beach 30 years ago was a little gun club on the salt flats. There was also a block of lots an encyclopedia company had picked up; salesmen give buyers a "free building lot in California" with every set of books. Then one bright morning, the discovery well, Bolsa Chica No. 1, blew its derrick over with a gusher of thousands of barrels of oil. The gun-club memberships were worth fortunes, and encyclopedia buyers all over the nation got royalties.

From Huntington Beach you continue north along the ocean. At the Long Beach city limits, stay on the highway that skirts along the shore line through downtown Long Beach and past the famous Rainbow Pier and ornate hotels.

Offshore is Terminal Island, with the U. S. Navy Yard. You enter the port of Los Angeles, San Pedro, a sailor's town—perfumed with crude oil and the salty holds of the tuna fleet.

Keeping to the ocean road, you pass Fort MacArthur, and Point Fermin. This area is falling into the sea; there is a big hotel here, now abandoned, as the earth cracked open beneath it. If you stop, you can see these crevasses, some a foot wide.

Look back for one of the world's great views: below you the harbor with gray warships and rusty freighters, bright-painted tankers riding high when empty, rolling sluggishly with their black cargo; in the distance the gleaming city of Long Beach. As you round the point, you have come 45 miles from Newport. At Clifton you rejoin U. S. 101 Alternate. Los Angeles international Airport, 10 miles farther on, is worth a brief stop and the 25-cent parking fee.

Five miles north on Sepulveda Boulevard (California No. 7), you drive through the grounds of the largest veterans' hospital in the country. Just beyond these grounds is Sunset Boulevard; turn right, and a quarter-mile ahead is the University of California at Los Angeles.

Returning to Sunset Boulevard and heading east, you'll soon encounter guides waiting to direct you to homes of movie stars.

Turn right off Sunset at Canon Drive. In less than a mile, you reach downtown Beverly Hills.

You can lunch at the Beverly Hills Tropics. You are likely to see a handful or two of celebrities, and the food is excellent. Two dollars a person for lunch will be a good investment here. Another place equally famous is Dave Chasen's, at Robertson Boulevard. The Player's, on the Sunset Strip, and Lucey's, across from the Paramount Studios on Melrose Avenue in Hollywood, are also popular eating places for movie people.

If you're not especially interested in Beverly Hills or movie stars, drive east on Santa Monica Boulevard (the wide street with the flower-filled parkway marking the north end of the business district) to Fairfax Avenue, turn right, and go south to 3rd Street. You are now at the Farmer's Market.

The Farmer's Market was begun in the '30's as an actual roadside market for farm produce. Today it is a shining village of shops and stalls, mostly still a grocer's dream of Heaven—extra-fancy, prime, special-select. Even young children will enjoy this place, and the rest of the family will be fascinated by the pet animals, toys, foods you never dreamed of, candies, magic nuts, and shopping celebrities. Lunch will cost about a dollar and a half per person.

A few blocks from the Farmer's Market on Wilshire Boulevard are La Brea Pits, pools of tar which have imprisoned fossils for 30,000 years. Here are sculptured replicas of the cave bear, saber-toothed tiger, and other prehistoric beasts whose bones have been found in the sticky tar (*brea*).

Four blocks south of the Farmer's Market is Wilshire Boulevard's Miracle Mile, a lavish shopping street, young and casual, looking more expensive than it really is.

At La Brea Avenue the Miracle Mile ends, and you go north to Sunset Boulevard, where you turn right toward the radio studios.

The tempo is getting faster; you are approaching the heart of Hollywood at Sunset and Vine, Western center of radio and TV. The blue-and-gray building on the corner is NBC. A quarter-mile east is the massive Modern structure of CBS.

Diagonally across from CBS is "Gower Gulch" where motion-picture cowboys still hang out in their best Roy Rogers outfits. Some wear character clothes—"old prospector with long beard," "mean-looking member of the rustler gang," "young, innocent cowboy who will get killed," and so on. Columbia Pictures is on Gower at Sunset; RKO is six blocks south on Gower at Melrose; Paramount is just east of RKO on Melrose.

Most of the big radio programs go on around 4 o'clock—which brings them East at 6 or 7 o'clock. If you're hungry after the broadcast, go around the block back of NBC to Nickodell's, or to Brittingham's in the CBS Studios. You may see radio and TV personalities at either of them. Dinner is about two dollars.

Walk up Vine two blocks to Hollywood Boulevard. Walk as far west as Grauman's Chinese Theater, where the footprints of the famous are molded in the cement forecourt.

Hollywood Bowl is in the hills just a half mile to the north. There is a six-week summer season with concerts by great musicians.

The Griffith Park Observatory is a good alternate, afternoon or evening, if you would prefer the planetarium and its fascinating drama of the skies. Near it is the Greek Theater, with a summer season of operetta and musical comedy.

As you head home at night, turn north on Cahuenga Boulevard (U.S. 101) and drive through Cahuenga Pass, busiest highway in the world. The peace treaty that gave California to the United States was signed here 104 years ago.

Ahead of you is San Fernando Valley, whose neon-brilliant main street is Ventura Boulevard. The valley has blistering summer days and chill nights; it was worthless desert until water was brought there by aqueduct in 1913.

Turn left at Laurel Canyon and climb back into the hills. At Mulholland Drive, pause for a breathless look at the night splendor of Los Angeles, a dazzling sparkle of light between dark hills. Continue on Laurel Canyon back to Sunset and turn right. For the next two miles, you are on the Sunset Strip, high above the city. The bright streak of glowing buildings in the foreground of the valley below is the Miracle Mile, the cluster of buildings to the left is Hollywood and Vine, in the distance you may see the beacon atop Los Angeles' one tall building, the City Hall.

Follow Sunset to Sepulveda Boulevard, turn left, and you're headed home over the same route you came up this morning.

[*Turn to page 298*

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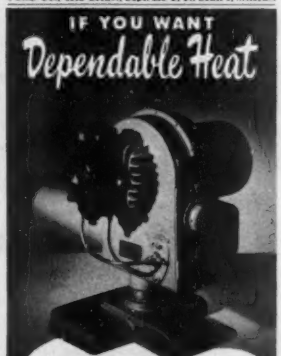

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Magic dinners

You'll be meals ahead if you can keep 2 or 3 dinners on hand in your freezer or the roomy freezing section of your refrigerator. Here's how we prepared the fried-chicken dinner shown on page 84:

Fried Chicken: Toss chicken in *unsalted* flour; fry slowly, about 30 minutes, in ½ inch of hot fat in skillet. Brown on all sides. Drain on paper toweling. Cover with waxed paper; *cool thoroughly*.

French-fried Potatoes: Pare potatoes, then cut lengthwise in ¾-inch-thick slices; cut slices in strips. Let stand in cold water 30 minutes. Drain; wipe dry. Fry to pale golden color in deep fat (360°). Do not salt. Drain on paper toweling. Cool. Fill aluminum-foil container.

Corn sticks: Bake according to your favorite recipe. Cool.

Asparagus: Place your own or commercially frozen asparagus in aluminum-foil container.

To freeze meal: Place all on cooky sheet as shown on page 84. Wrap snugly with aluminum foil. Freeze immediately.

Cranberry sauce: Cook sauce as you like it best. Cool. Fill paper cups. Put on the lids and freeze.

Lemon chiffon pie: Make a graham-cracker or vanilla-wafer crust. Mold it into special paper pie plate. (The one in picture, page 84, is made of new high-temperature paper, has a metal rim for extra sturdiness.) Fill. Add the garnish of one whole strawberry and six halves (fresh or frozen).

Freeze firm; then wrap in cellophane, foil, or moisture-vaporproof paper. Pie will look as perfect when you take it out of the freezer as the day you put it in.

To serve your frozen dinner: See directions, page 84.

More tips for frozen meals

Meal bank: Have two or three meals ready in your freezer. You might have hamburger patties, brown 'n' serve rolls, and corn on the cob all ready to go for one meal. Or browned pork chops, sweet potatoes rolled in sugar, and green peas. Or build a meal around individual meat loaves.

Neat trick: If you're freezing a meal for your skillet or Dutch oven, freeze it on the trivet or a round of cardboard covered with foil. Then meal will fit the utensil when you take it out of freezer.

Freeze these for parties

Rolled sandwiches: Buy fresh, unsliced Pullman loaf. Cut crust from bottom. Spread cut surface of loaf with ⅛-inch-thick layer of well-seasoned sandwich filling. Then cut a ¼-inch-thick slice of the spread bread. Lift slice carefully to cutting board; trim crusts. (Keep unsliced loaf covered with damp cloth meantime.) Roll slice as you would a jelly roll. Wrap each sandwich roll in aluminum foil or waxed paper. Twist ends to make snug package. Freeze.

Canapes: Cut rectangles from sliced white bread, about 2½x1¼ inches. Spread with thick mayonnaise, then with a dry mixture of finely minced celery, crab meat, a drop of

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Tabasco sauce, and very little mayonnaise. Sprinkle ends of canapes with paprika; garnish with slivers of ripe olives and pimiento. Spread diamonds with mayonnaise, ham salad; garnish with shredded sharp cheese and stuffed-olive slice. Freeze canapes; then arrange on cooky sheet or cardboard; wrap snugly with aluminum foil; return to freezer.

Eclairs: Fill with ice cream, and frost with chocolate-butter frosting. Freeze, then wrap in aluminum foil, and return to freezer.

Ice-cream pie: Mold graham-cracker or vanilla-wafer crust in paper pie plate. Soften ice cream enough to swirl it compactly into crust. Freeze firm; pipe plain whipped-cream trim around edge. Freeze. Wrap and return to freezer.

French-fried Shrimp: Clean uncooked shrimp. Dry thoroughly. Dip in a batter made by beating together 1 cup enriched flour, ½ teaspoon sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 egg, 1 cup ice water, and 2 tablespoons salad oil. If you're keeping shrimp frozen very long, *omit salt*. Fry in deep fat (360°) to a pale golden color. Drain on paper toweling. Cover with waxed paper and cool. Arrange shrimp on cooky sheet, wrap snugly in aluminum foil, and freeze. Or package in freezing container.

Frozen for small fry

Hamburgers: Buy the buns in cellophane packages or make your own, wrap in cellophane, and freeze. Season ground beef, shape into patties, and stack with squares of waxed paper between. Wrap in foil, and freeze. Thaw on refrigerator shelf or let them thaw in the picnic basket en route. Or allow extra time to fry.

School sandwiches: Make a different sandwich for each of the five days, using meat, chicken, cheese, baked beans, peanut-butter mixtures. Spread on whole-wheat and white enriched bread. Note the different ways to slice—see picture, page 85. Place in plastic sandwich boxes or freezing bags, label, and freeze.

Ice-cream cones: Fill cones; dip tops in crushed peppermint stick candy. Freeze. In summer, they'll be ready to lick in 2 or 3 minutes.

Baked apples: Bake apples as usual. Cool and seal in paper cups.

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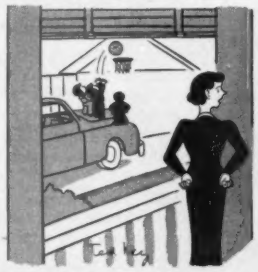

"Think you'd better move the car."

Freeze. To serve, thaw in refrigerator or at room temperature.

Yumsickles: Dissolve summer-drink powder and add ¾ cup sugar. Pour into molds fitted with stick. Place in freezer till frozen. Unmold and replace stick. Put in small paper bags or wrap in waxed paper; freeze. They're ready to lick when the youngsters are.

You can freeze yumsickles in little paper cups, too. When mixture's frozen to a stiff mush, stick in a wooden meat skewer. You can make yumsickles of orange or grape juice, lemonade or limeade.

Cook double; bake double

Angel cake: Bake cake as usual; spread with butter frosting; freeze. After frosting sets, wrap cake. Notice special rack on page 85. New freezers come fitted with convenient cake and pie racks. They save your beauties from getting bumped.

Apple pies: Nothing really new about this. In Colonial days, a whole winter's supply of pies was baked and frozen. Here's how you do it now. Bake the pies as usual. Cool. Freeze, then wrap.

Bread: Bake bread in deep aluminum-foil frozen-food containers. Cool, then wrap and freeze. You could use packaged roll mix. One package of mix makes 3 loaves.

Chicken pies: Roll plain pastry and cut in rectangles to fit aluminum-foil frozen-food containers loosely. Cut rectangles almost through with a chicken cooky cutter, crimp around edge with fork, and bake till golden on cooky sheet. Make filling of thickened chicken broth, chunks of chicken, a few peas, and bits of pimiento. Pour into aluminum frozen-food containers. Cool. Top with pastry and freeze. Wrap in foil; return to freezer.

Baked beans: Use all your oven space and make an extra batch of baked beans to freeze. Cool; fill paper cups; add lids. Freeze.

Spaghetti sauce: Brew spaghetti sauce, cool, fill freezer jar; freeze. You could have frozen meat balls ready in freezer, too.

Freeze leftovers

Freeze the extra chili, chicken a la king, sandwich spreads, and the rest of the big ham. They'll taste wonderful next week, and the family will be ready for the reappearance then.

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MARCH GARDEN GUIDE

March is when gardening activities go into high gear over the country, when patience pays off. Here's what to do:

CALIFORNIA

Sow vegetable seeds and set out plants. To avoid disease, don't plant tomatoes in the same spot each year.

Prevent sunscald on newly transplanted trees. Wrap bark, or shade them on windy and sunny sides.

Mulch fuchsias instead of cultivating, if possible, since feeding roots are near surface.

Divide mum plants now; feed and keep watered.

Plant magnolias now. Roots are active, and you'll have the most success in transplanting.

Prune fruit trees now. Remove as little as possible from small trees.

Plant some of the new varieties of peaches available from your local nursery as Daily News 1-, 2-, 3-, and/or 4-Star. These new peaches combine abundant floral display in early spring with delicious fruit.

CENTRAL AND EAST

Trim hedges to shape before growth starts. Straighten any fall-planted evergreens that are slanting due to uneven winter settling of earth.

Remove mulches from perennials as soon as new shoots start to show. If you mulched with leaves, manure, or old straw, spade in as much as possible.

Sow annual poppies as soon as the ground can be worked. Pansies must be planted early. They grow best in cool weather. Tuberous begonias can be potted now. Pot and start to force geraniums stored dry in cellar over winter. Fertilize your lawn when ground is frozen and clear of snow.

Control scale insects on such trees and shrubs as apples, pears, elms, lilacs, euonymus, and pachysandra with a dormant-strength spray. Follow manufacturer's directions carefully. Temperature should be 45 degrees or above, and the spray should be applied the fore part of the day. Cover all evergreens, including broadleaf kinds, before using oil spray on nearby plants, or wet the evergreens with the hose before and after spraying. Spray does drift.

Spray peonies with Bordeaux or other available copper spray material when the sprouts are about six inches tall. Give this early protection also to other perennials that often get disease, such as phlox and delphiniums. Repeat sprays at 10-day intervals till buds show.

Start indoors such vegetables as broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and head lettuce; set out next month.

SOUTH

Weed now. It'll save you hours of work this summer. This is the time to feed your entire garden, too.

And this is the last safe time until fall to plant perennials, vines, roses, shrubs, and trees.

Sow hardy kinds in the north; both hardy and tender in the south.

Mow ryegrass regularly. It should never become tall enough to shade the summer grasses.

When danger of frost has passed, set out bedding plants. Plant coleus, ferns, geraniums, petunias, sansevierias, thunbergia, and Wandering Jew in boxes, urns, or in the soil.

Except in Lower South, prune bush roses in March—early March in Middle South, late March in Upper South. Prune back to 10 inches. Use an all-purpose spray or dust weekly. Plant southern magnolia, *Magnolia grandiflora*. Give plenty of water the first season. There's still time to transplant trees and shrubs in Middle and Upper South.

TEXAS-SOUTHWEST

Resod barren and thin spots in the lawn.

Start your spray or dust program immediately. Insects are abundant in March.

Prune roses; remove old canes from climbers to help control mildew. Feed and spray.

Seeds of everything overlooked in February can be sown.

Fertilize and spray fruit trees. Prune off deadwood.

Plant zinnias, marigolds, and other tender annuals after the middle of the month.

Native hollies can be moved safely this month.

Set out seedlings of alyssum, coreopsis, petunias, verbenas, and similar flowers started indoors as soon as danger of late frost is past in your area.

Evergreen shrubs may be sheared lightly now to make them more dense. New growth covers cuts quickly.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Complete rose pruning by the end of the month. Spray or dust your roses as soon as the first leaves unfurl.

You can plant onions, lettuce, cabbage, early peas, carrots, and radishes now.

The last week of March is a good time to plant tomatoes outdoors. They need warm weather. This is also a good time for sowing watermelon, squash, and other melonlike plants.

Start tuberous begonia tubers in flats half-filled with sand and peat. Don't overwater.

It's a good time to train shrubs by pruning. New growth is starting, and you can see where to make the cuts.

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Allowances

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gether and make a list of all the things the child buys or that the parent is in the habit of buying for him. All children won't want or require the same things, and different communities present different needs for money. The entire purpose of an allowance is defeated unless it is large enough to cover the child's more or less fixed expenses *plus* a small amount to do with as he pleases.

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Children within the same family are seldom alike, and it is not unusual for their unlikeness to be shown in the way they handle money. "Whenever there is an emergency and we need money in a hurry, we turn to Linda," one father says. "Yet John, who is three years older, is broke the day after he receives his allowance."

Experience may not be the best teacher, but it is still a good one. The boy who, on his first trip downtown, took his week's allowance and bought—and ate—a full pound of dimestore fig bars, learned a lesson more quickly, if uncomfortably, than from a month of parental lecturing.

Youngsters who have seen their parents plan, save, and budget for a family vacation, new furniture, or a new car, cannot help but learn from the example that is set them.

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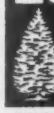

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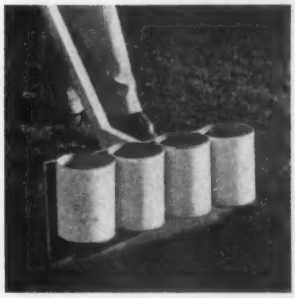

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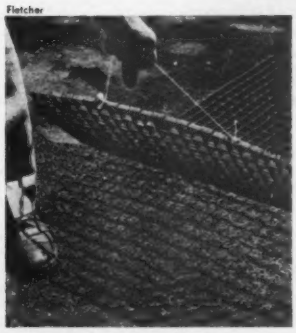

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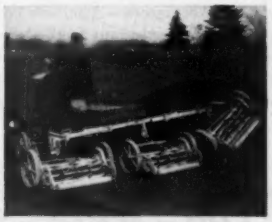

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The diary of a plain dirt gardener

By Harry R. O'Brien

The auditorium where I was showing color slides of new flower varieties could not be heated. Everybody kept their heavy coats on, and I did, too

March 1 Winds blew chill and cold. Flakes of snow in the air this morn. Scratch, the dog, has been running away, and so ere David left for his classes, he tied him up with the long chain that is fastened to the Siberian elm—or Chinese if you prefer—at the northeast corner of the house.

But there was a bright sun this morning. Before I could get away to my daily tasks—horrors—that pooch had picked a place to get what comfort he might from that sun. I looked out the east window, and there he was, taking a nap right on my narcissus plants that had pushed up mebbe three inches high in the summer weather of last month.

This recalled to Maggie that long ago, we had a bed of lily-of-the-valley by our north door. That was the identical spot where our first dog, the big German shepherd, would take his summer shade siesta. So the pretty little flowers disappeared. "We ought to get some more and plant them," mused Maggie. So remind me to do it when planting time comes, in a few weeks.

Speaking of planting, these are mighty uncertain times, and I'm not smart enough to know what is ahead. But I do think that this will be a good year to grow as many of our own vegetables as we are able along with the flowers. We always do anyhow, but we plan to grow more than we did in 1950, so there will be plenty of surplus for freezing and canning. This looks like common sense to me.

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March 2 Here it was nearly down to zero this morning and there was that one crocus bloom by the front of the house, all sadly withered, amid the light snow of last night.

At night I was off with Maggie to a neighboring town to talk to a gathering of several garden clubs. With the bitter cold and the howling winds, the auditorium where the meeting was held could not be heated up. All the men and women kept on their heavy coats. So when I was introduced to speak, I kept my overcoat on, too.

After I talked a bit, I walked back to the projector, which I ran myself, to show some color slides of newer varieties of flowers. This was nearer the door and colder yet. But I shivered and showed the slides.

Maggie told me that as soon as the lights were turned down, quite a lot of the audience had got up and gone home. I don't blame them. It would have been a great blessing if we could have slipped out with them.

March 3 Once again duty called, and instead of sitting by our own fireside, I had to bundle up and go out in the cold to a local garden meeting. I was not the speaker at all, but I really needed to be there in connection with some business to be brought up. Why, oh why, do all the garden clubs pick early March for their important meetings? Why not May?

March 4 Sunny day, things beginning to get warmer outside. I worked up a bit of garden fever. But duties at my desk kept me right at the jolly old job. David saved the day. He carried out the ashes.

Maggie made an oration about the trash on the lawn. She vowed she would get out and pick it up herself. But just between us, when night came, she hadn't actually made a move in that direction. She was just trying to bluff David and me into doing it.

March 5 Now is the hour, and the day is at hand. Bright was the sun and warmer grew the day, until toward afternoon the thermometer stood at 60. The crocuses at the south of the house began to pop open, until there was a yellow line clear across the front.

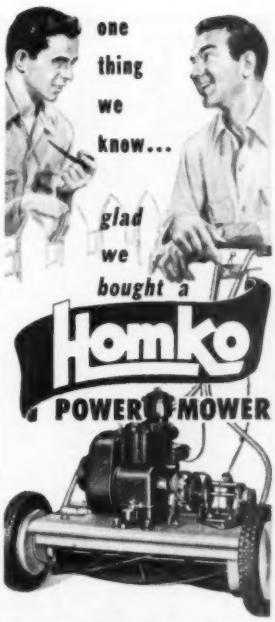
So I went out and began to hunt for my pruning tools. I found my good pruning shears that had been lost for more than a year. I found the light lopping shears where they should be. But I couldn't find the heavy lopping shears, which I needed most. I paced back and forth about three times between the little tool shed and the garage. At last I found them under some burlap in the shed.

Then, triple-armed, I tackled the big Amur maple hedge at the back that needs a heavy pruning every spring to keep it from growing into small trees. This time I want to do an extra-good job. It has grown too high, so I want to thin out part of the top to get it back shorter. I'll take two years to do this, so it won't get too much of a setback at one time. There's a good bit of deadwood, too, on the inside of the hedge, and this needs to be cleared out, cut down to live wood or clear to the ground.

So it's a bigger job than usual. I worked away at it, sorta leisurely like, and enjoyed it. In an hour or so, I was not more than a fourth done. By this time, I was beginning to sweat. Maggie's summons to eat was right welcome. But I'm off and away to another year.

The day grew warmer, and the crocuses began to open, until there was a yellow line clear across the front

March 6 No alarm clock was needed this early a. m. It was the "what-cheer, what-cheer" of the cardinals that awakened me. In



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between their calls, I could hear the tweet, tweet of the titmice. I listened a bit, roused up, then out and down to rouse up the furnace. Then to the kitchen where I had coffee and bacon going before even Maggie got there.

March 7 Out once again on a pleasant evening and in considerable mud, to work further at pruning. I finished one side of that back hedge, but when I started in on the east side, the glory of a setting sun was right in my eyes. So I went over to the viburnum hedge between the west rose bed and the strawberry patch and worked away.

In due time came to an elm seedling that has grown up alongside

No rain today, so out I hiked and began to pull away the soil we had heaped around the roses last fall

the hedge. My, how that thing has grown! I had whacked if off once. I should have grubbed it out by the roots. Tonight I did the same thing over again. Hunted up the ax. Sharpened it with a file. Whacked with free-swinging blows that well-nigh pulled my arms out of the sockets. Vigorous work for a chap, so early in the season. But yet, a needful and timely chore.

March 8 Wind blew, snow swirled, thermometer dropped, and all the outdoors shivered. Tonight was the annual open meeting of our men's rose club, with a big program and public invited free. I never expected anybody to show up. But, believe it or not, nearly 200 people braved the blizzard and came to listen to discussions on how to plant, prune, feed, spray, dust, mulch, and cover. An important point brought out was that a coarsely ground corncob mulch is the best for a rose bed in these parts.

March 9 Downtown this afternoon at a hotel in the midst of a business meeting. Toward 2:30 my conscience began to hurt. Here it is, stark winter. And I had put out the last sunflower seed for the birds last evening. I could just see the little critters sitting and shivering on the twigs of the trees and bushes, shaking their heads, their stomachs empty.

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mixed grain, and filled the racks with suet and peanut butter. Then with snug conscience, I stood inside and watched all the birds eat their evening snack. I don't think I even begrudged the sparrows what they ate, I felt so good.

March 11 Of late I've been doing research work. Been counting the number of sunflower seeds a cardinal will eat at one sitting. Total runs from 11 to 14 seeds. I don't know whether this is the ultimate. It always ends by the bird taking one in its mouth and flying away—apparently disturbed by something.

March 12 I'm worried. Not enough progress made outdoors. Notice in mail that some roses are being shipped. Lot of pruning to do yet. Haven't put dormant spray on bushes to kill scale insects. Another dark, dank, soggy day. And shortly I have to go away on a long business trip.

March 15 "I'm going to leave that big hedge out there just as it is," I orated at supper. "Not do another bit of pruning on it. So it will be a lopsided, nightmare scarecrow instead of a well-trimmed hedge."

When it was time to get out to work, I wanted David to help me. But he had to do his electronics research work in the attic. Donald was home but also busy on his own work. I worked alone but was a long way from finishing.

March 22 Tonight, on my travels, called back home from Danville, Illinois, and, oh dear, Maggie had bad news. The work is to begin tomorrow on tiling the bathroom and lavatory. And she has ordered new fixtures for the bathroom—the whole works—when I had thought we could put the old back in.

March 25 Around 8:30 tonight, back to my own domicile—and what sights. The artisans have been here. Within the garage are stacked

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boxes of ceramic tile, new bathtub, new washbowl, new fixtures. Can't get in the car. Big pile of sand by driveway. Along in front of hedge at side of yard is stack of old plaster, old floor boards, old plumbing fixtures.

Inside, rugs in hall are rolled up. Dirt and dust everywhere, from taking off old plaster and other tearing up done by plumber who is to install new shower and whatnot as soon as possible.

March 28 Now is the hour, again, as at long last the weather is sedate enough. For two days past, the weatherman has just taken his whole water bucket and tipped it over on us. So out I hiked. Got out the two-pronged, forged weeding hoe and began that annual chore of pulling away the soil that we had heaped around the roses last fall.

Now to reveal a secret—this was never finished, and about a fourth of our roses never were covered. But those not covered are just as alive as those which were. Which adds weight to the argument of some of the local rose brethren that it wasn't necessary at all to cover roses in these Midwestern parts, if they were growing in a thrifty manner last fall.

March 29 At long last and way too late, stopped at the seed store for the supply of seeds I get locally. My varieties of vegetables include disease-resistant sorts and such as are recommended for freezing.

Tonight, went to "family night" in parlor at our church. Everybody comes, and families bring potluck suppers. I spent the whole time answering questions. Why doesn't my French lilac bloom? It will, one of these years. Is this the right time to sow grass seed? It is.

If only I had set up a booth and charged a fee—50 cents for flower questions and 37 cents for vegetables—I'll bet I could have earned $73.37 for the church treasury, with no extra labor on my part.

March 30 Bright, warm day and had to be off on business trip until pretty late. Home, rushed to the bathroom to see how much new tile had been put on. Alas, the room is still gaunt and bare. The men didn't come.

Then out to work more at uncovering roses. Couldn't find my hoe. Wonder where I threw it when I dashed in to the phone the other night. Well, I hunted up an old one, went to work, and labored until supper.

March 31 This was the first real day of spring, and so we rallied round and began things in earnest.

As I was working at this uncovering, along came Donald. I gave the hoe to him, and I started in at pruning back the rosebushes. He worked and got this chore all finished up.

Meanwhile, I got all the roses set out. These are a few newer varieties I had ordered. Then I noticed that a few iris in the new bed had somewhat heaved out over winter. So got out my big trowel and reset them. Then, there stood Maggie on the path, to ask when was I ever coming in to supper.

That ended the month—entirely too soon. If the weather had only been better, I'd have in the early vegetable bed, with the spinach, leaf lettuce, radishes, peas, and a few hills of potatoes. I'd have some seeds sown too, mebbe, of larkspur and sweetpeas and petunias and annual poppies and so on. Can't be helped, though.

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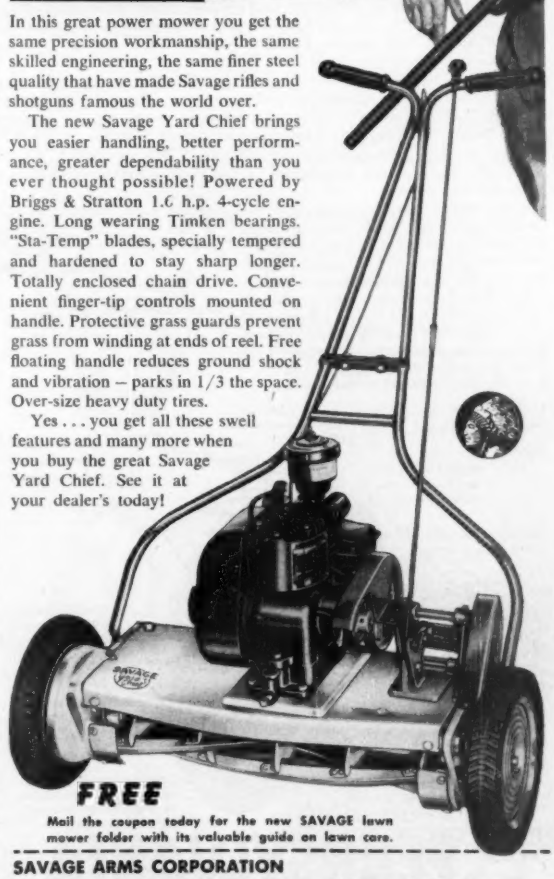

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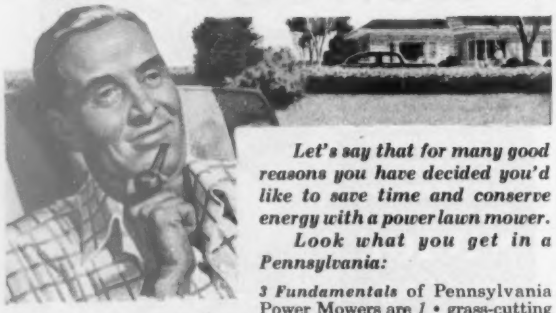

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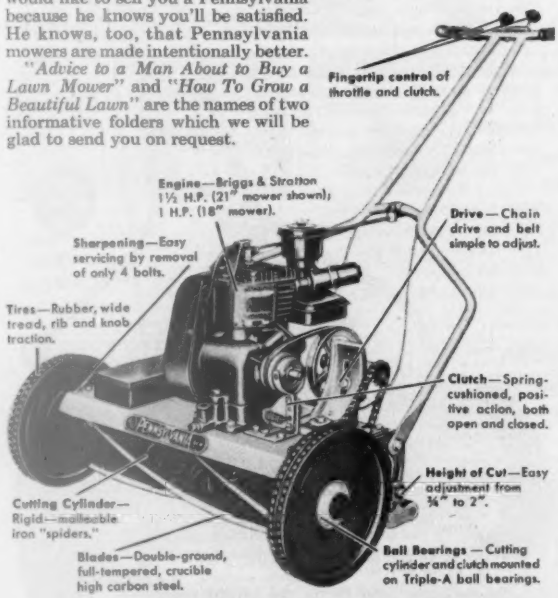

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By Dale Somers

If your lawn fails to provide the thick, attractive turf you want around your home, don't let another season slip by without making sure the grass you are trying to grow is right for *your* soil, climate, sun, and shade.

Each lawn grass has its own demands, will yellow and fall unless they are met. You can buy mixtures of good turf grasses that will do well on your lawn—if they are suited to your needs. Read labels—avoid those top-heavy with temporary or "nurse" grasses for quick growth and lesser amounts of permanent grasses adapted to your special conditions. You'll use less seed and save money.

If you buy special shade mixtures, make sure the proportion of pure seed adapted to shade is predominant. Reject any mixture without full information as to contents. Percent of germination should be 80 or more, and no more than three-tenths of 1 percent should be weed seed.

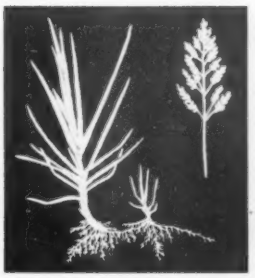
Local soil and climatic conditions vary widely. See map and list of grasses at right for a general guide.

New, outstanding strain of bluegrass [*Turn to page 287*

Seed those bare lawn patches this spring

When ground is workable—neither frozen nor muddy—loosen top 3 or 4 inches with fork. "Whiten" soil with plant food. Rake and smooth. Pepper soil lightly with seed, criss-crossing area for even stand

After seed is sown, tamp it down lightly. Make a simple tamper by nailing a strip of lumber to a flat piece of board and bracing it. It is vitally important to keep newly planted areas moist till seedlings show



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Satisfactory lawn grasses by regions

Region 1 Bluegrasses, fescues, bentgrasses

Region 2 East half: bluegrasses, Bermuda, zoysias, ryegrasses. West half: bluegrasses, Bermuda, bentgrasses, fescues, ryegrasses

Region 3 Bermuda, carpet, centipede, St. Augustine

Region 4 Bluegrasses, bentgrasses, fescues

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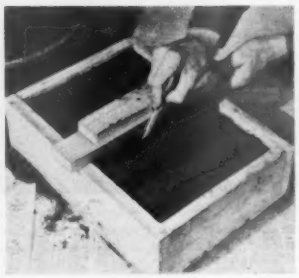
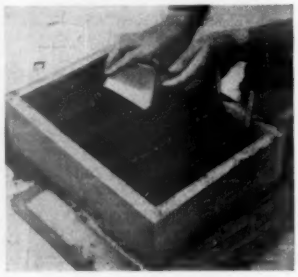
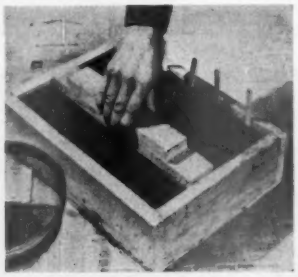


4. Next mark off straight rows about two inches wide, as shown. Then your seedlings will get plenty of air and light and be easy to transplant. If you have two kinds to sow, you can broadcast seeds by sections. But when soil is infested with weed seedlings, rows make it easier to tell the varieties from weeds—and to dig out plants



5. Sow the seeds uniformly thick, just so they do not touch. Furrows needn't be more than an eighth of an inch deep. Use an old kitchen sieve to screen soil over top when all seeds are sown. Tap sieve while moving back and forth to get light, uniform covering of soil. Planting at uneven depths means a spotty, inferior stand of seedlings



6. Do not cover with more than one-fourth inch of soil. Then you will be ready to firm the loose soil over the seeds. You will find the soil tamper handy for this, too. Turn handle over and use as shown. Or you can use the smooth side of a brick. A gentle pressure will do the job. This step is necessary for your success with seedlings

7. Water soil after firming. Place a strip of burlap over the box and pour water over it. The water will seep through and into soil gently. Water must not be poured on bare soil with force. Or you can water by setting box in pan of water. When you see moisture on the soil surface, remove the box and set it aside to drain. Keep box warm

8. Now cover box with newspaper, or a piece of glass. This will prevent fast drying with possible injury to tender germinating seeds. As soon as the first seedlings appear, remove the covering. If you use glass, leave on a little longer, but slide to side a bit to give air. Don't allow soil to dry

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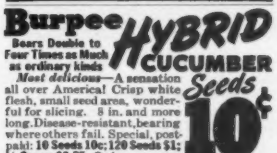

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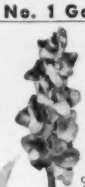

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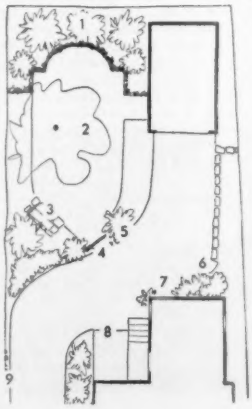
BEFORE

Hedge of arborvitae made a poor screen for our neighbor's garage and took up too much valuable garden space. Only the low rock wall and plum bush seemed worth keeping

AFTER

Dark maroon trellis replaces hedge. Our biggest expense was for the posts, made of 4x4's, to make trellis look heavy enough to balance house and garage. Slanting top of trellis construction achieves privacy two ways from the large houses adjoining our lot, gives the feeling of openness

BEFORE



1 Hemlocks were too thin to screen off activities in busy alley
2 Grass grew poorly in the shade of our spreading dogwood tree
3 Bench was in full sun in afternoon when shade was wanted
4 Gate had little connection with house
5 Hemlock tree hid the view of the garden from the house
6 Arborvitae hedge took up good garden space but gave poor screen
7 Inadequate garden work space
8 No porch from which to view garden
9 Grass difficult to mow and grow in shade and narrow area

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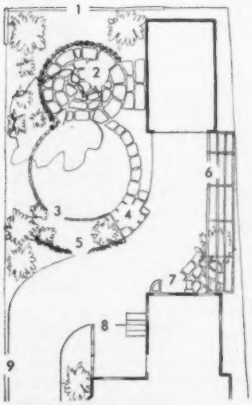
BEFORE

The rear of our house was short on beauty. Arborvitae was ineffective in hiding rubbish and the old chimney which we were unable to remove because of the expense

AFTER

This small terrace was built in the angle made by back of house and neighbor's garage Breakfasts and lunches are enjoyed here. This is the growth we had the first spring. When grown bigger, vines will screen our neighbor's garage completely. Future plans call for a low casement window in outside wall of kitchen to make serving easier

AFTER



1 Tall fence completely screens
2 Flagstone terrace replaces grass
3 Space where bench was, now planted to flowers, bench moved to terrace
4 Garden entrance moved to better spot, accessible to the garage
5 Flowers and low shrubs replace hemlock and open view of garden from house
6 Tall trellis replaces poor hedge and gives room for tomatoes and other vegetables
7 Bench built against house; used for both potting and meal-serving
8 Plans call for porch when money is available
9 Groundcover replaces hard-to-mow grass in front yard

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How to find more space on your lot

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Gain private space with tall shrubs

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How you can get real privacy on even an abruptly dropping San Francisco hill is shown here where small trees and tall shrubs are planted immediately above retaining wall around the Stanley H. Barrows terrace. Foliage needs to be only this high to screen off view of neighbors on higher ground. If well fed, shrubs will reach desired height quickly

Add a deck-terrace in shade of house

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Build a seat of many uses

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de Gennaro

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How good an amateur architect are you?

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and back that doors are almost impossible to open or shut.

8. Garage window is in wrong wall. The inside of a garage is never beautiful, so why have it visible from the porch? Window near the rear in the side wall would serve the same purpose.

9. Door from porch to yard would be better placed as close to the garage on the side wall as possible. Reason: traffic lane through the porch will be shorter and a better chair-grouping possible.

10. There is no rear door out of the kitchen. This means carrying garbage, trash, and wet laundry across the porch.

11. A window in the north wall of the kitchen would cost no more than the piece of wall it replaced, could serve as a pass-through to the porch, and would let more light into the kitchen.

12. Since the prevailing breeze in summer comes from either the southwest or southeast in most of the country, the porch is not well located. It will get little breeze, and suffer the heat and glare of the late-afternoon sun all summer. To put the porch in the proper place would mean redesigning the house.

13. Toilet and linen closet should be reversed, since toilet projects as far from the wall as the tub, while the linen closet can be broad and shallow.

14. If you live south of the Mason-Dixon line, you're forgiven for missing this one. Orientation of the garage in northern climates will mean having to shovel through drifts to get out of the garage or through the front door.

15. There is no broom closet nor space to store a vacuum cleaner.

16. Because the front wall of the house is straight, the exterior will be extremely uninteresting. A jog in a wall may cost a little, but it is worth the expense in looks.

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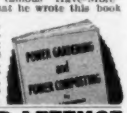

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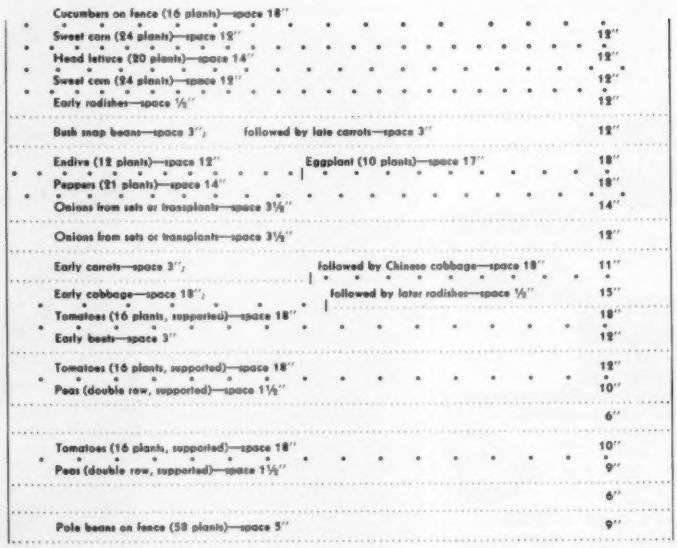

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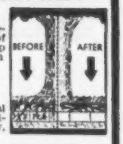

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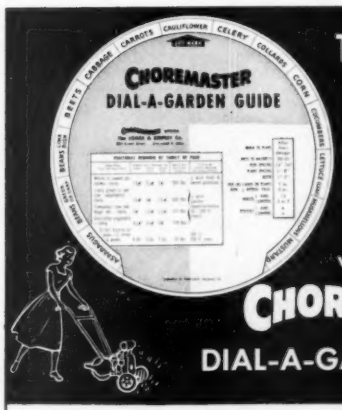

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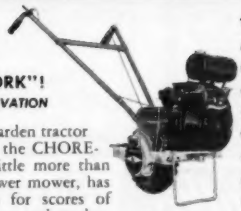

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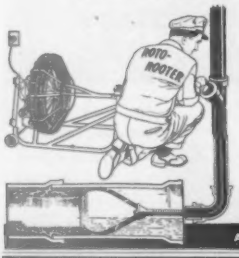

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By Phil Amundson

If you're typical, you have prejudices—likely including the one that big trees, the majestic giants of the forest, grow too slowly to be practical for the homeowner who needs shade and beauty in a hurry.

So you think in terms of box elder, Carolina poplar, Chinese elm, catalpa, silver maple, weeping willow—trees admittedly fast-growing, but subject to a discouraging share of insects, diseases, wind damage, and undesirable traits.

Fact is, there are many shade trees of the character you prefer that are much better than those just mentioned and that will average 2 feet of growth or more a year on your homesite. Trees adapted to lawns or streets in residential or suburban areas. Trees with beautiful form, brilliant fall color, tolerant of city life and soil conditions, resistant to pests and diseases. Easy-to-transplant trees.

Take the thornless honey locust, *Gleditsia triacanthos inermis*. Recommended as an outstanding home shade tree because it does well in the city, it will grow about 2 feet a year in various soils and exposures. Under good conditions, it will

Recommended fast-growing "big" trees

Shape	Thornless honey locust	Northern red oak	Pin oak
Good qualities	Grass grows underneath; drouth-resistant; frost-hardy	Beautiful fall foliage; suitable for near ocean	Good looking, pyramidal form; good fall color
Fall foliage	Yellow	Red and bronze	Scarlet
Shade density	Light	Medium dense	Light
Mature height	60–100′	60–90′	40–80′
Spread	50–80′	40–80′	40–50′
Where it grows	Eastern United States to Great Plains; Ontario to Texas	Eastern United States except Florida; West Coast; Midwest	Most of United States
Soil preference	Tolerant	Gravelly or sandy loam	Acid

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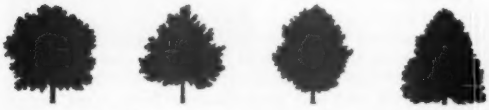
grow as fast as Chinese elm or silver maple.

Flat-topped, with flaring branches that support a canopy of fine-textured foliage, it lets through enough light for your lawn to thrive in its shade. Fallen leaves are a minor problem, since the thin, soft leaflets decompose quickly. Male kinds are completely free of pods. The shallow, fibrous root system makes for easy transplanting.

Good in the Northeast, one of the best for West-Central states, thornless honey locust is drouth-resistant, hardy, and withstands abuse. It is not subject to borers.

Northern red oak, *Quercus borealis maxima*, most rapid-growing of all oaks, is grand for lawn [*Turn to next page*

EDITOR'S NOTE: *If your first choice in a shade tree is an elm or an oak, you'll want to consider the possibilities in other varieties, and avoid large plantings of a single tree. No cure is known for Dutch elm disease, spread by beetles, phloem necrosis, a virus fatal to elms, or oak wilt, caused by a fungus, which have killed thousands of trees in the East and Midwest during the past few years. Elms planted should be of the new Buisman variety (Ulmus carpiniflia) which is resistant to the dread elm diseases.*



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Fairly easy to transplant in early spring and moderately tolerant of soot and smoke, red oak grows in any well-drained soil, does well along East and West coasts, except Florida, as well as inland in northern localities.

The pryamidal form of the good-looking, easily transplanted, fast-growing pin oak, *Quercus palustris*, leaves little to be desired for parkway planting. Its many slender branches, ascending above and drooping below, form a narrow shade tree particularly good for homesites or city streets.

A rugged tree with scarlet autumn color and leaves that cling well into winter, pin oak is tolerant of city smoke and

Northern red oak

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Willow oak

Pin oak

Norway maple

thrives over most of the United States where soil is acid. It may be planted in both inland and coastal districts in California where extra moisture can be supplied in summer.

Willow oak, *Quercus phellos*, develops into a large, handsome tree, useful throughout the South.

Rapid-growing, it is easy to move, has a dense, oval or round-topped crown and slender branches with light green, willowlike leaves. Although willow oak grows best in moist, well-drained soils, it does well in drier places. It is moderately storm-resistant, relatively pest-free.

Norway maple, *Acer platanoides*, with ornamental, greenish-yellow spring flowers, dense, green summer foliage, and golden-yellow fall color, is a handsome tree which tolerates city gas and smoke better than other maples. Relatively fast-growing, it is easily transplanted.

Norway maple grows over the United States, extensively south from Central New England and New York. It is a favorite street tree in Rocky Mountain area cities where irrigation and fertilization are possible and space is ample for root development. Moderately tolerant of alkaline soils, it also is satisfactory for lawns and streets in the interior and mountain valleys of California.

It is difficult to maintain a lawn in the dense shade beneath Norway maple. Other factors to consider are the need for pruning when planted on streets and the inclination of roots to raise sidewalks.

Tests of sugar maple, *Acer saccharum*, [*Turn to next page*

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Fast-growing American linden, *Tilia Americana*, or basswood, ranges over the United States where moist soil is available, transplants easily. Silver linden, a shapely tree hardy from western Massachusetts and central New York southward, withstands heat and drouth, may be grown successfully along the seacoast. Small-leaved European linden is satisfactory for suburban areas.

Preference of lindens for wet soil and their attraction for insects limit their value, however. Lindens also are susceptible to disease, although usually none is serious.

Before you plant a tree, see next page

Sugar maple

American linden

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Tree-transplanting tips

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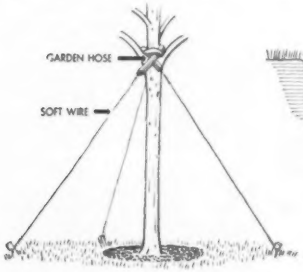

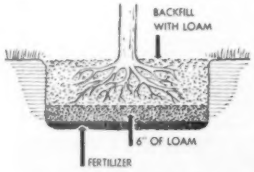

Dig hole wider and deeper than the tree root system

Use guy wires to support your newly planted trees

Before you plant a tree. Don't be hasty and lean hard on your common sense. Get your possible tree sites on paper before digging any holes. Show buildings, roads, drives, walks, shrubs, flower beds in scale. Plot areas trees will need when mature.

A nearby park will yield plenty of information on trunk size and crown area of grown trees. Remember to plant far enough away from fixed objects so you eliminate costly moving or much pruning when trees are big. Plant tall-growing deciduous trees no closer than 60 feet.

Think twice before planting close to property lines. Overhead utility wires have the right of way, and may mean vicious butchering of your tree eventually. Branches of mature trees might bother your neighbor, and a trunk over the line might lead to a court battle.

Until they are 15 to 20 feet high, trees that shed their leaves in fall can be moved easily with bare roots during their dormant season. Don't expose naked roots to direct sun, however. Dig your holes and prepare the soil before you bring in trees to plant.

Move trees with a trunk diameter of 6 inches with a ball of earth 8 to 10 times the diameter of the trunk. Sugar maple and willow oak should always be moved with a ball of earth.

Once you have narrowed your choice to one or more trees, get the advice of a nurseryman who knows kinds that will grow in your area. Follow his suggestions on selection, planting, and care.

It's best to discard any ideas you have about finding a nice tree in some nearby woods. As a rule, nursery trees are far superior to uncultivated specimens.

A tree of good size for planting is 2 to 3 inches in diameter at the base. Here are typical prices quoted for trees 2½ to 3 inches in diameter, in lots of one to four:

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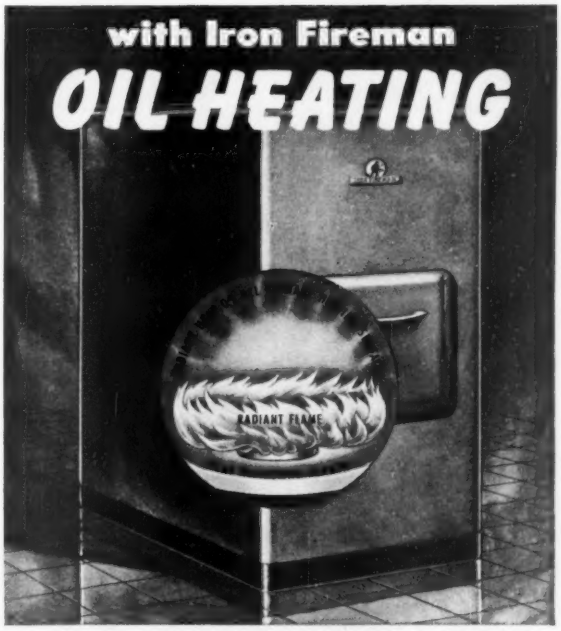
Prices will vary slightly in different localities, and may include the cost of packing materials and [*Turn to next page*

White areas on map show where most trees can be transplanted in fall or spring. Spring moving is best in darkly shaded areas. Move trees when moisture conditions are right in stippled areas (Map, courtesy U.S.D.A.)



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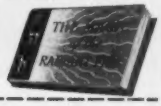

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How to transplant

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shipping charges. While smaller-sized seedlings can be bought for less, consider the tree you buy an investment rather than an expense. If you splurge a little and plant one 3 or 4 inches in diameter, it will pay you early dividends in shade.

Mature specimens can be transplanted safely, but costs run into hundreds of dollars.

Most small shade trees may be moved in early spring before leaves emerge or in early fall after leaf growth has ceased. Early spring, however, is probably the best time to transplant trees, big or small, where the ground freezes to a considerable depth.

Planting hints. If you buy a tree 4 inches or more in diameter, you'll probably get better results if you let the nurseryman plant it—and prune it. If you do it yourself, dig the hole at least a foot wider and 6 inches or so deeper than the root system.

Place well-rotted manure or fertilizer in the bottom of the hole and backfill with about 6 inches of soil before setting the tree. Add a bucket or two of water after inserting the tree and covering the roots with soil. Use good, fertile loam for backfill.

Newly planted trees up to 3 inches in diameter need support. A single stake, long enough to reach up into the lower part of the crown after being driven down to solid soil about a foot from the base of the tree, will do. Fasten the tree to the stake with wire run through a piece of old garden hose to prevent cutting of the bark.

Trees more than 3 inches in diameter should be guyed down with wires. (See sketch, page 295.)

It's a good idea to mulch a circle over the root area of a newly planted tree with a 2 to 3 inch layer of peatmoss, leaves, straw, or hay. This reduces evaporation, prevents early freezing.

Thin bark trees—maples, lindens, and pin oaks—should have their trunks protected with burlap or tough paper for at least two years to prevent sunscald of the bark.

Water is most important to a new tree, and the soil should be kept moist at all times, and well saturated occasionally. Avoid waterlogging, however.

Beauty and health of the trees you plant depend greatly on the care you give them. Advice on spraying, feeding, watering, and pruning can be obtained from your county agent, state experiment station, or any local nurseryman. It pays to use it.

Choosing trees with care for their good qualities and to fit your location is a wise move. Real-estate men recognize trees as a big factor in home sales.

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How to expand your home workshop

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There is one more important alternative to consider in your workshop planning. It may be that you'll prefer tools you can move around your house and yard easily, for work at the actual site of the project. In that case, look over the large number of portable power tools now available—circular saws and hand drills, sanders and polishers. About the only machine you can't duplicate to some extent in a portable tool is the lathe.

Two other improvements you may want to add to your workshop are a working counter and a paint-spray booth.

The counter can serve several needs. It can hold a power tool or two, supply space for a drawing board, furnish a long, sturdy surface for assembling projects or spreading out parts of home equipment being repaired.

Like the workbench, it needs good light. The top should be smooth, hard, easy to clean. Make the counter higher than your workbench, about 42 inches from the floor. This height is comfortable for close-detail work while you stand, or lets you sit on a kitchen stool.

The paint-spray booth is something you'll want as you become more and more of a perfectionist on finishing. With a spray gun, you can lay on lacquers, varnishes, enamels, and other finishes with professional smoothness.

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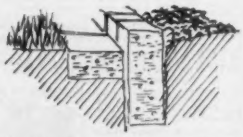
The potting bench against rear of house leads a double life. As shown in terrace picture, we also use it as a buffet table for our outdoor meals. Faucet was raised and basin added as a unit with three soil bins. These are all hidden underneath the bench

Tellis is anchored by bolting 4x4-inch posts to strap iron bent at right angles and fastened to concrete base with a lag screw and a lead anchor. Space between wood and concrete prevents moisture, which means rot



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Third day

Start out south along the ocean. Two miles south of Dana Point, named after Charles Dana, who wrote of it in *Two Years Before the Mast*, turn left on California 74. Three miles east, you come to the ruins of San Juan Capistrano Mission, with its arches, gardens, tame pigeons, museum, and chapel.

Capistrano is the mission famous for its swallows, which fly away in October and return on St. Joseph's Day each spring.

Turn back to the ocean highway and head south, 65 miles to San Diego. At Del Mar is the San Diego County Fairgrounds and Race Track, once owned by Bing Crosby. Torrey Pines State Park, two miles beyond, is noted for these long-needled, grotesque pines.

Keep to the ocean road, leaving 101, and you'll come to La Jolla (pronounced lah hoy-yah), which everybody will tell you means "the jewel." Some say La Jolla is the most beautiful town in America. The bathing coves are protected by headlands carved by waves. In the cliffs are seven caves also carved by the surf. You can step into one of the caverns and see how the ocean water left red- and green-colored minerals on the floor.

San Diego, on down 101, is a Navy town. The harbor's sure to have some warships, and the air will be loud with the roar of planes.

Your family will love the zoo in Balboa Park. It is one of America's great zoos, full of happy animals, especially monkeys and great apes. You'll want to lunch in Tijuana, so it may be good to break the San Diego exploration into two parts.

Tijuana, 10 miles south of the border, is the gaudy, dusty, bright-splashed town of "Aunt Jane." Find out about current regulations on duty-free goods before you leave the United States. You'll find expertly worked leather goods, apparent bargains in silver, perfume, purses.

For lunch, find some clean nook and go all out for Mexican specialties like tortillas, enchiladas, and chile relleno.

Plan your afternoon. There's lots to be seen in San Diego—the Fine Arts Gallery, the Old Town Plaza, the spectacular ocean view from Cabrillo National Monument on Point Loma, and the rest of Balboa Park—but Palomar Observatory, which you want to see on the way back, closes at 4:30, and it's 90 minutes from San Diego.

Go north on U.S. 395, 36 miles to Escondido, then follow the signs 30 miles to Palomar Mountain.

Palomar is dominated by the dome of the 200-inch telescope, which is actually a giant camera. You can climb a gallery in the dome to see the telescope, 530 tons moved by a tiny one-twelfth horsepower motor. The 200-inch lens alone weighs more than 14 tons.

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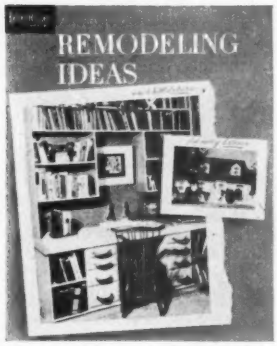

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you drive down the mountain and turn right to Rincon, 10 miles north to Pala (an Indian reservation trading town and the site of the small Pala Mission). From Pala you go 9 miles north to Temecula, then take U.S. 395 north to Wildomar, and turn left along the western shore of Lake Elsinore. Turn left on California 74; drive 31 miles to Doheny Park and U.S. 101.

Have your dinner at Christian's Hut on the Balboa bay front tonight. You can look through big windows at white-hulled yachts and the deep blue of the bay while listening to South Sea music. Dinners at Christian's, which is run by two Frenchmen from Tahiti, run from $2 to $3.

Fourth day

Take California 55 east from Newport to Santa Ana and turn south on U. S. 101 (not the alternate but the *main* road) through Tustin, Irvine, and El Toro, the Marine aviation base.

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At San Juan Capistrano, you turn left on California 74 and go 65 miles to Hemet, heart of the Ramona country. Helen Hunt Jackson's tragic novel of the California Indians is re-enacted in a pageant every May.

At Hemet, you begin a 68-mile drive over the spectacular Pines-to-Palms Highway, through the heart of the San Bernardino National Forest. Stop near Keen Camp and take a little walk. You are almost a mile above the sea, there is snow on San Jacinto Peak 10 miles to the north, the air is winy and brisk, and you are at the center of 2,500 square miles of primitive forests.

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South of you is the Salton Sea, caused by a flood of the Colorado River 40-odd years ago, a bitter, dying lake 245 feet below sea level. South of it is irrigated Imperial Valley, bursting rich with crops.

But you turn north on California 111 through Palm Springs, a piece of Beverly Hills set in the desert, quiet and empty in the summer.

Turning left on U.S. 60, 11 miles north of Palm Springs, you climb into the windy gap between the giant peaks of San Gorgonio and San Jacinto. This is cherry country; if it is spring, stop at Banning or Beaumont for a sack of Bings.

At Riverside take U.S. 91 to California 39, five miles beyond Anaheim, and follow the signs to Knott's Berry Farm.

If you want to eat in the Ghost Town at Knott's, it is wise to phone in the morning for reservations. There are several eating houses in this big establishment, one for steaks, another for chicken, another for hamburgers. The whole thing began when a dissatisfied berry farmer didn't like selling his crop to middlemen. Mrs. Knott put the berries in home-baked pies, and that meant selling coffee along with the pie in a roadside stand. Now 2,000 people flock in for big, old-style dinners. Perhaps you will think Knott's is too big and busy now, but the wild-west mining camp and jail are a lot of fun.

From Knott's take California 39 south to the ocean and Newport Beach.

Fifth day

There's a lot to Los Angeles outside Hollywood, so you're going there again today. Go north on U. S. 101 Alternate to California 39, and then to 101 Bypass, which will bring you right into downtown Los Angeles.

From the Gray Line Sight-seeing Terminal (1207 West Third Street) or from in front of Clifton's Pacific Seas Cafeteria (Olive Street near 6th), you can take a sight-seeing bus tour lasting three hours. (Adults, $4; children, 5 to 12, half-fare.) It takes you through the Warner Brothers Studio and lets you visit Angelus Temple, founded by Aimee Semple McPherson, as well as showing you the old sections of Los Angeles. This is the best way of seeing a motion-picture studio unless you know a big shot.

Back from your tour, you can try Clifton's Cafeteria for lunch. The Pacific Seas, as this one is called, is a high-ceilinged jungle of tropic plants, neon tubing in pinks, purples, and greens, organ music: but a really good lunch will cost you only 60 cents apiece.

After lunch, take a ride up Angel's Flight, an inclined railway whose two little cars balance each other like the weights on a grandfather's clock as they go up and down the 33-percent grade to Bunker Hill. This is a 325-foot trip to an old neighborhood out of Los Angeles' past, which persists like an island on this hill in the heart of downtown. Round trip is a nickel.

Near the towering City Hall (464 feet high with an observation floor) are Olvera Street, the old Plaza with its Mission, the Pio Pico House (Pio Pico was the last Mexican governor of California), and the new Union Station, much in harmony with the lingering charm of the Plaza.

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It is midafternoon now. If you want to visit the Huntington Library today, you will have to forego anything else after lunch. Take Aliso Street east from the Union Station to Mission Road, and the latter to Huntington Drive; it's about 11 miles to San Marino, home of the library.

The Huntington Library is a paradise of original manuscripts and rare books. Here you will see the originals of Benjamin Franklin's *Autobiography*, Robert Louis Stevenson's *A Child's Garden of Verse*, and Tennyson's *Idylls of the King;* there is a Gutenberg Bible five centuries old.

In the adjoining art gallery, are Gainsborough's *Blue Boy*, and *Pinkie* by Sir Thomas Lawrence. Outside you can wander about the Huntington estate. There is a rose garden, a cactus garden, a Japanese garden, and a tropical garden.

Pasadena, just north of San Marino, world-known for the Tournament of Roses and the Rose Bowl, is a city of fine homes—bright glass homes in the top layer of the hills, the next layer (the '30's) of big "period" houses, French Provincial and the like, an older layer from the rich '20's of-ornate stucco, elephantine homes, and then the flowering gingerbread of old Pasadena, particularly on Orange Grove Avenue, the Beacon Hill of Southern California. Take Colorado Boulevard west to the Arroyo Seco bridge. The Rose Bowl is a mile north. It's a short, scenic trip past it to Devils' Gate dam.

Continue west on Colorado (U.S. 66 Alternate) to Glendale Avenue, about 3 miles, and turn left to Forest Lawn Memorial Park, the nation's best-known and most unusual cemetery. A guide will show you the splendid replicas of Michelangelo statues, the stained glass window of the Last Supper, the three small churches, including Annie Laurie's Wee Kirk o' the Heather, and the sumptuous Mausoleum.

After Forest Lawn, drive on Riverside Drive from Glendale Boulevard toward the forested hills northwest. They are in Griffith Park, 4,000 acres of municipal park, much of it wild and primitive, with a small zoo (closes at 4:30), and a miniature railroad for kids.

Returning home, drive south to U.S. 101. Take it *east* and south to Buena Park, then follow California 39 south to the ocean.

Sixth day

Go north on 101 Alternate, past Long Beach and the beach cities of Redondo, Hermosa, and Manhattan, the aging amusement town of Venice, and along the ocean below the Palisades at Santa Monica. You go past costly beach shacks of film stars at Malibu and along the curve of the sea at Port Hueneme, through Oxnard and Ventura to the millionaire homes of Montecito.

Stop in Montecito and toll-call the Santa Barbara Garden Club for information on tours through the gardens of some of America's wealthiest families. If a tour is available, your family will enjoy it. There is a fee which varies according to the tour.

Continue north on 101 to Santa Barbara (132 miles from your home base), a lovely, languorous city.

Here is the Mission of Santa Barbara. Of all the long string established by the padres along the California *Camino Real* (great highway) a century and more ago, this beautiful and graceful mission is the only one which has remained alive, the only one whose altar fire has never flickered out. As this is written, it is undergoing repairs and may not be open this summer.

Going home, cut off from 101 Alternate at El Rio (5 miles south of Ventura), and take main U.S. 101 through Thousand Oaks, Sherwood Forest, and Calabasas. Turn right on California 27 beyond Calabasas for the ocean road and home.

Seventh day

There are two good choices:

By plane or boat, you may go to the enchanted island in the sea, Santa Catalina, which you have doubtless seen looming on the horizon. The big Catalina steamer leaves from Wilmington, six miles beyond Long Beach on 101 Alternate, at 9:30 every morning. The voyage crossing takes two hours, costs $4.55 weekdays, $5.80 weekends and holidays, round trip.

On the island you can visit the free bird park, semitropic and shrill with strange exotic birds, take the Glass Bottom Boat for a tour of undersea gardens, go to Seal Rocks, and dance free at the Casino.

Your other choice is a drive to the lovely mountain lakes of Arrowhead and Big Bear, 112 miles away. Take California 55 from Newport to California 18 beyond Santa Ana. Follow 18 to the Rim-of-the-World Drive, which takes you from Arrowhead around Big Bear and Baldwin Lakes. Expect it to be brisk and windy, cold as soon as the sun is out of sight.

Be sure to look over Newport before you leave; stop in at the Stag near the Newport pier and listen to the deep-sea fishermen talk of their harvest. They're leather-faced, big-chested sailors who range from Ketchikan to Panama in their powerful boats, gambling against Alaskan fog, tropic sun, boat-crushing waves for a $30,000 load of albacore, tuna, or sardine.

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Rosebud plastic mat: The Ullman Co., Inc., 319 McKibbin Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.
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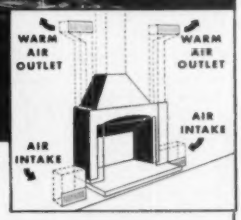

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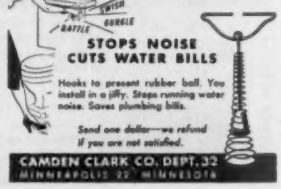

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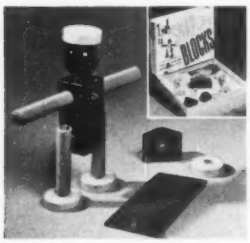

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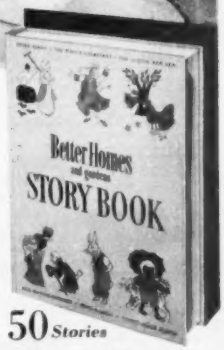

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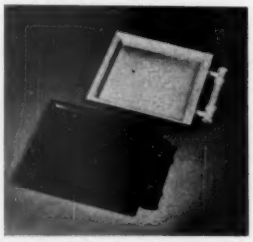

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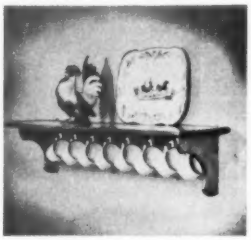

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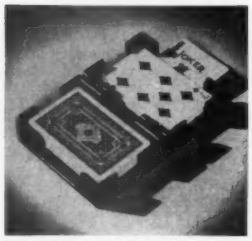

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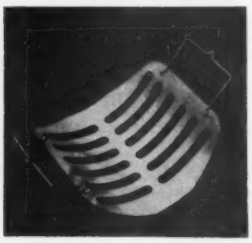

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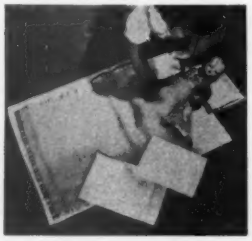

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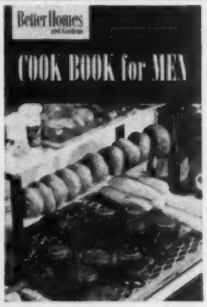

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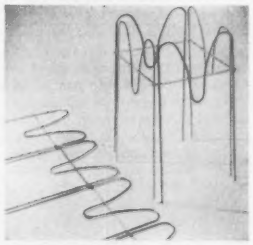

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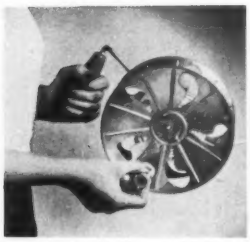

Putting up a clothesline is no trick at all when you have it neatly coiled on a windup reel. Aluminum reel has painted wood, easy-grip handle and turning knob. To put up the line, hitch one end to the first hook and just walk away from it, letting the line unwind. *Clothesline Reel*, *$1.49*, ppd. Cobbs Mfg. Co., 8th and Park Sts., Des Moines 14, Iowa.

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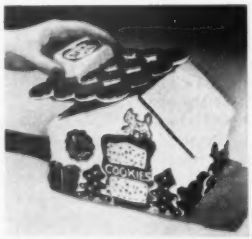

Hansel and Gretel's gingerbread house is reproduced in hand-painted ceramic. White house, cinnamon-brown cooky roof, green trees; rainbow dots on cat and tree and all around the house. Cooky house is 6"x8". The lid is half the roof, which lifts off by the chimney. *Cooky House*, $5, ppd. The Village Vendors, P. O. Box 4202, Los Angeles 24, Calif.

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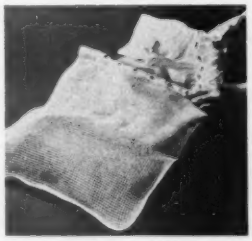

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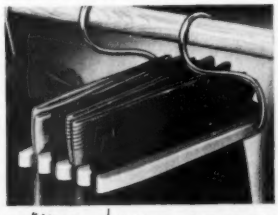

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And March is also the month when our tax check buys us the privilege of cussing the government without being "subversive."

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One of the most-pampered husbands I know is a fellow who never helps with the dishes, lets his wife change the storm windows, forgets anniversaries, and shaves every night.

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I always pay attention to her mother's stories of what my wife was like as a child. It not only makes for better relations, but helps me understand how my wife got to be the girl that I married.

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I can't deny that I enjoy the advantages of automatic heat, but I do miss the thrill I used to feel whenever I came across a board that would make a good piece of kindling.

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The boy on the next block who went straight from high school to marriage is having a hard time figuring out why his mother was always able to feed him for nothing, but his wife can't.

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A bachelor friend of mine has discovered a hobby that puts him in great demand as a house guest. His hobby is asking others to tell him about their hobbies.

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My annual spring inspection of the house reveals that damage done to the exterior by winter weather is almost as severe as damage done to the interior by winter games.

"A brave man," said the retired colonel around the corner, "is one who buys the first television set in a neighborhood heavily populated with children."

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At a recent gathering, it seemed to me that the married women were dressed in better taste than the single girls. Could it be because a married woman dresses to please one man, while the single girl tries to please them all?

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I hope my daughter never marries a doctor or a lawyer. Not that they make bad husbands, but a wife whose husband is in on every tragedy in town is not apt to get much sympathy after a trying day with the children.

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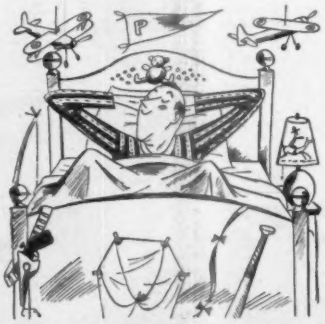
Our boy has become a creature who can't eat without dreaming at the table, and can't go to sleep without eating in bed.



Once a month I sleep in my son's room and he sleeps in mine. I don't know if my room has any effect on him, but a night among toys and childish totems, getting the lay of the house from his longitude and latitude, and I'm able to understand both of us a little better.

I find it hard to live down having been the youngest in the family. I often find myself deciding that some job is too hard for a little boy like me, and that I ought to wait until Ma tells one of the big boys to do it.

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The best pets we ever had were those stray animals who wandered into our house of their own free will, looked us over carefully, sampled our food, accommodations, and atmosphere, then decided we were the right kind of people to adopt.

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Whenever I am in the mood to hear what the children did at school, they can't remember a thing. But as soon as I settle down with the newspaper to find out what happened in the world, I get a full report on what every kid in the class has been doing for a week.

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"I thought that when my boy was 16, we'd have a man-to-man talk about girls," Jim Hamilton said at lunch. "But all he wants to talk about is cars, and I don't know how to change the subject."

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If I had my choice of one past moment to live again, I would choose the first time the touch of a girl's hand in mine made my heart beat faster. For it was at that moment I first fell in love—not with the girl, I realize now—but with new-found love itself. At that moment I faintly divined what new feelings and emotions I had yet to experience. And I was like an explorer floating down a narrow stream who sees briefly through the trees the first shimmering of a mysterious, enchanting sea he has heard much about, but whose existence he has always doubted.

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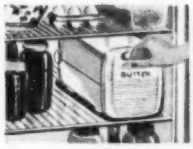

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